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(2) By the Eastern Bengal State Railway to Sirajganj, thence by steamer to Goalundo and thence by rail.

(3) By rail from Chandpur.

(4) By steamer or country boat from Goalundo.

TOURS OF INSPECTION
1. Dhubri.
2. Gauhati.
3. Tezpur.
4. Dibrugarh.
5. Karimganj.

RIVER DEBARKATION DEPOTS
1. Tezpur.
2. Silghat.
3. Nowgong.
4. Kaliabarish.
5. Doomdooma.
6. Dibrugarh.

RAILWAY DEBARKATION DEPOT.
1. Gauhati.

LANDING-PLACE NOTSENG DEPOTS
1. Silchar.
2. Lakipur.
3. Karimganj.
4. Fenchuganj.
5. Maynamukh.
6. Mouri Bund.
7. Mukta.
8. Pulubari.
9. Rangamati (Chit...
10. Silghat.
11. Dowarabi.
12. Bishnath.
13. Gowalpara.
14. Kamrabad.
15. Dubbaribi.
16. Dubrugarh.

Resolution on Immigrant Labour in the Assam Districts of Eastern Bengal and Assam for the year 1909-1910.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam in the Municipal Department, No. 8920M., dated the 28th November 1910.

Read—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

THE labour force dealt with in this Resolution is that imported for employment on tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal-mines and in certain saw-mills. The labour employed on railways is excluded, and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

The history of the past year, though less eventful than that of either of the two previous years, is nevertheless a record of steady progress in many directions. Good harvests in the recruiting districts resulted in decreased immigration, but there are indications that employers are disposed to place greater reliance upon sardars and less upon contractors to enable them to keep the labour force up to strength, and the gradual extinction of labour indentured under Act VI is proceeding. The transit of immigrants to Assam was attended with remarkably little mortality, the recorded birth-rate of the labour force increased while the death-rate fell, wages of all classes slightly improved, the area of Government land settled direct with time-expired coolies increased and good relations were generally maintained between employers and employed.

A joint representation from the Assam and Surma Valley Branches of the Indian Tea Association asking this Government to move the Government of Bengal to close the Presidency Division and the district of Howrah in the Burdwan Division to recruitment by contractors afforded a striking proof of the change of opinion which is taking place on this important question among employers. The Government of Bengal was unable to accept the proposal in its entirety, but issued a notification closing the districts of Howrah and Sambalpur with effect from the 1st August 1910. Further concessions to garden sardars working under certain approved Associations were granted during the year by the Government of Madras and the Administration of the Central Provinces.

The desertion of coolies to Hill Tippera has been in the past the cause of some friction between the State authorities and the managers of gardens adjoining the frontier. The Lieutenant-Governor trusts that the appointment at Agartala of a Political Agent, who will be in a position to give special attention to this question, will improve the situation.

Strength and distribution of the labour force.

2. At the close of the year the total strength of the labour force (Statement I) was 758,319, an increase of 2,481 over the figures of the previous year. The number of adults is returned at 457,639 and of these only 26,778 were indentured under Act VI of 1901. Perhaps the most significant feature of the labour statistics of the past seven years has been the continuous decline in the number of Act coolies and so striking are these figures that it is desirable to reproduce them. They are as follows :—

	Total adult labour force.	Number indentured under Act VI of 1901.	Percentage.
1903-04	404,350	84,306	20·8
1904-05	410,165	79,983	19·5
1905-06	417,262	76,782	18·4
1906-07	419,445	69,841	16·6
1907-08	452,464	61,430	13·5
1908-09	457,826	40,680	8·9
1909-10	457,639	26,778	5·9

It will be interesting to quote similar figures for the districts of Darrang, Nowgong, Sibsagar and Lakhimpur, where employers can still import labourers under contract.

	Total adult labour force.	Number indentured under Act VI of 1901.	Percentage.
1903-04	247,152	80,942	32·7
1904-05	251,991	76,885	30·5
1905-06	257,600	74,179	28·8
1906-07	259,362	68,065	26·2
1907-08	286,128	59,735	20·9
1908-09	290,401	39,191	13·5
1909-10	290,329	25,679	8·8

The withdrawal of the right to enter into local contracts and the voluntary abstention on the part of many employers from having recourse to Act VI are the causes responsible for the steady replacement of Act by non-Act labour.

Of the total force 63·32 per cent. were employed in the Assam Valley and 36·68 per cent. in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

3. There was very little change in the distribution of the labour population according to nationality and sex. Nearly three quarters of the adults belonged to Chota Nagpur and the Santhal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal. The proportion of women was 40·13 per cent. of the Act labourers and 49·82 of the non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 39·6 of the total strength. Details are given in Statement II.

Acreage under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

4. The area under tea cultivation increased from 344,916 to 346,658 acres, the increase being mainly accounted for by the addition of 1,281 acres in Sibsagar. The number of adult labourers employed per 100 acres remained the same as in the two preceding years, *viz.*, 132, the district average varying from 62 in Kamrup to 159 in Lakhimpur. No account is taken in this calculation of the outside local labour which is employed on many gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration.

5. Statistics of immigration into the province during the past five years are given in the following statement :—

Class of labourers.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Act ... { Sardari adults ...	5,432	3,069	4,890	1,123	515
Act ... { Contractors' adults ...	3,061	2,919	8,422	6,172	4,944
Non-Act adults	15,252	14,634	45,622	35,229	23,438
Total of Act and non-Act adults ...	24,695	20,043	58,934	42,524	29,397
Children	7,135	5,574	25,890	18,249	9,935
Grand Total	31,830	25,617	84,824	60,773	39,332

Good harvests in the recruiting districts account for the decrease in the number of immigrants compared with the figures of the two previous years, but it is significant that even under normal conditions the figures of the year exceed those of any of the six years previous to 1907-1908. It is not unreasonable to infer from this fact that the increased extent to which immigrants are brought to Assam without being placed under contract and the gradual removal of prejudices against emigration in the recruiting districts are causes tending to an improvement in the volume of immigration. The plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal superseded Chota Nagpur and the Santhal Parganas at the head of the list of recruiting centres, but Madras was the only important centre which showed improved figures as compared with those of the previous year. The proportion of children to the total number of immigrants declined, while the proportion of men to women (4 to 3) remained approximately the same.

Mortality during transit.

6. The great improvement in the health of coolies during transit consequent on the arrangements introduced towards the close of 1908 was maintained. Only 45 deaths occurred, of which 38 were due to cholera. The Lieutenant-Governor desires to record his appreciation of the efforts made by the Sanitary Commissioner and his staff in supervising transit arrangements by rail and steamer.

Transit of immigrants and debarkation depôts.

7. The usual routes to Assam by steamer and railway were followed and no change occurred in the number or situation of debarkation depôts.

Fraudulent or irregular recruitment.

8. Complaints of fraudulent recruitment were made in 44 cases, of which 22 were made in the Lakhimpur district. Fraud or irregularity was proved in 6 cases only.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

9. The number of contracts executed in the recruiting districts during the year was 5,268 against 7,295 in 1908-1909.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

10. Contracts cancelled by efflux of time were regularly reported in all districts except Darrang. The Lieutenant-Governor regrets to observe that the improvement effected in this respect during the previous year in Darrang was not maintained. Out of 4,777 cases only 1,371 were reported. A circular letter issued by the Deputy Commissioner calling for the punctual submission of the monthly returns of time-expired coolies was responsible for the improvement in 1908-1909, but in the absence of another special reminder during the year under report the managers again became careless. The Lieutenant-Governor desires the Divisional Commissioner to take the necessary action to ensure that reports are promptly submitted in future.

Repatriation. Statement VII.

11. The option of repatriation was given to 39 coolies, of whom 33 were sent to their homes, 3 preferred to remain on the garden, 2 absconded and 1 died.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

12. Act XIII was freely used and its popularity was well maintained. In some districts the agreements are usually oral, while in others they are written. Complaints that the Act does not give employers sufficient power to compel the due performance of the contract are still made, but much has been done by concerted action among the managers to prevent the enticement of coolies from one garden to another.

13. The average monthly wages of Act labourers are detailed in the following statement. They are calculated on the wages earned in the months of March and September.

Wages of Act labourers.

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1909 and March 1910 of monthly cash wage, including fines, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on the books.		Of average daily working strength.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 8 9	4 8 8	6 8 2	5 10 9
Hailakandi	5 8 9	3 10 0	6 12 4	5 13 2
North Sylhet	7 4 6	6 5 8	10 3 1	8 1 6
Karimganj	4 7 4	3 10 9	5 15 3	5 1 10
South Sylhet	5 3 5	3 13 1	6 8 1	4 14 6
Habiganj	5 6 10	4 0 11	5 13 6	6 5 7
Kamrup Sadr	4 10 7	3 11 3	5 9 8	4 15 10
Darrang Sadr	6 13 3	6 1 11	6 12 6	6 12 6
Mangaldai	6 1 1	3 2 9	7 5 3	6 3 1
Nowgong	5 5 4	5 1 4	6 11 4	6 3 1
Sibsagar Sadr	5 15 8	5 0 2	7 2 3	6 3 9
Jorhat	5 1 3	4 3 4	6 6 2	5 4 2
Golaghat	5 2 10	4 7 4	6 9 7	5 8 9
Lakhimpur Sadr	6 0 10	5 2 11	7 9 4	6 14 9
North Lakhimpur	5 6 6	4 2 2	7 0 7	5 15 10
Average for 1909-1910*	5 12 2	5 0 6	7 1 0	6 6 6
Average for 1908-1909	5 7 8	4 13 6	7 0 6	6 5 7

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of the two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) as the case may be, in the same months.

Hailakandi, Karimganj, South Sylhet and Mangaldai are the only subdivisions in which there was an actual fall in the rates. In many subdivisions there was an appreciable rise, and it is satisfactory to note that the combined average shows a slight increase.

Wages of non-Act coolies.

14. The average earnings of non-Act coolies were as follows :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1909 and March 1910, of monthly cash wage, including *tiens*, diet, rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.					
	Of total number on the book.			Of average daily working strength.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 3 1	4 2 1	2 2 10	6 12 1	5 13 8	3 5 10
Hailakandi	4 14 2	3 13 7	2 2 2	6 9 0	5 15 1	3 8 4
North Sylhet	4 14 6	3 4 9	2 7 4	6 0 11	4 14 11	3 6 8
Karimganj	4 14 5	3 11 11	2 7 0	6 7 11	5 1 3	3 9 2
South Sylhet	5 0 9	3 10 0	2 1 8	6 6 10	4 14 11	3 5 5
Habiganj	5 4 11	3 12 11	2 4 2	6 14 0	5 15 4	3 10 10
Kamrup sadr	4 0 7	3 1 7	1 14 11	7 5 0	5 12 1	3 3 9
Darrang Sadr	5 0 5	4 6 9	2 12 8	6 3 11	5 12 8	3 12 1
Mangaldai	5 11 10	3 15 11	2 6 0	7 3 6	5 5 6	3 3 6
Nowgong	5 11 7	4 11 1	2 12 10	7 7 1	6 12 9	4 1 9
Sibsagar Sadr	5 14 6	4 12 3	2 9 11	7 6 4	6 7 11	3 6 11
Jorhat	5 4 2	3 11 2	2 6 6	6 9 2	5 1 2	3 6 0
Golaghat	5 8 4	3 10 7	2 10 3	6 5 11	4 10 10	3 9 9
Lakhimpur Sadr	6 13 6	5 2 6	3 1 10	8 14 4	7 1 3	4 1 4
North Lakhimpur	5 14 11	4 7 1	2 6 11	7 10 1	6 2 4	3 10 3
Average for 1909-1910* ...	5 10 8	4 4 5	2 9 3	7 3 8	5 14 2	3 10 3
Average for 1908-1909 ...	5 5 2	4 1 6	2 8 2	7 1 6	5 14 7	3 9 4

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of the two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of form No. 27) and by the total of average daily working strength (column 4 of form No. 27) as the case may be in the same months.

These figures also show a small increase, compared with those for 1908-1909.

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

15. The recorded birth-rate per mille calculated on the total strength of the coolie population was 25·8 and calculated on the adult female population was 86·1, compared with 22·7 and 75·1, respectively, in 1908-1909. Although the figures show a general improvement, they still compare very unfavourably with the provincial rates of 40·46 and 189·91.

Birth-rate.

District.	Number of births.	Birth-rate per mille on—	
		Total on the population.	Adult female population.
1	2	3	4
Cachar	3,435	27·6	88·8
Sylhet	3,033	25·5	84·1
Kamrup	75	26·0	8·4
Darrang	2,062	22·7	70·3
Nowgong	450	29·9	70·4
Sibsagar	4,612	23·9	89·6
Lakhimpur	5,004	26·6	89·2
Total for 1909-1910 ...	19,571	25·8	86·1
Total for 1908-1909 ...	17,001	22·7	75·1

16. The registered death-rate for the total labour force fell from 34·3 to 28·4, the number of deaths being 21,476 as compared with 25,630 in the previous year. The rate of mortality among adults only was 32·4. The highest rate was recorded in Darrang and the lowest in Cachar. In every district except Nowgong mortality was greater among the Act coolies than among the non-Act coolies. The year was generally a healthy one.

Death-rate (Statement VIII).

17. The following table shows the mortality according to nationality, the Madras and the Central Provinces coolies, as in previous years, having the worst record :—

Mortality according to nationality.

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Rate per mille of deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	Men ...	165,487	2,681	32·91
	Women ...		2,766	
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas.	Men ...	178,441	2,689	31·33
	Women ...		2,902	
Central Provinces ...	Men ...	71,043	1,299	35·71
	Women ...		1,238	
Madras	Men ...	25,719	478	36·98
	Women ...		473	
Assam	Men ...	16,448	108	17·69
	Women ...		183	
Others	Men ...	592	10	25·34
	Women ...		5	
Total ...	Men ...	230,513	7,265	31·52
	Women ...	227,212	7,567	33·30
Grand total ...	.....	457,730	14,832	32·40

The mean strength of the total Act labour force and the number of deaths from the chief diseases during the last two years are shown in the marginal statement. Dysentery in Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and Darrang again accounted for the highest number, while anæmia also proved fatal in a large number of cases in the last two districts.

	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
1	2	3
Mean strength	54,053	33,728
Deaths from—		
Cholera	228	113
Diarrhœa	217	130
Dysentery	999	509
Malarial fever... ...	128	69
Anæmia	472	348
Respiratory diseases ...	403	217
Other causes	668	365
Total ...	3,115	1,751

18. The number of time-expired coolies treated as in-patients in Government dispensaries fell from 633 in the previous year to 330.

Sick and destitute coolies.

CHAPTER V.

UNHEALTHY GARDENS.

19. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality either of the total garden population or of the Act or non-Act coolies taken separately exceeds 7 per cent. and the number of deaths is not less than 10. During the year under review the number of gardens on the unhealthy list fell from 63 to 31. Most of these were in the Lakhimpur and Sibsagar districts. There was no unhealthy garden in Cachar and Nowgong and only one in Sylhet and Kamrup. Fourteen gardens were placed on the list for the second year in succession, while four have been on the list for the last three years. Details are given in the following table :—

District.	Unhealthy in respect of.	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per mille.	Cause of deaths.						
						Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or *ankylostomum*.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sylhet ...	Non-Act population.	1. Isabheel ...	1,069	76	71·1	24	9	16	9	3	4	11
Kamrup ...	Ditto ...	2. Noonmaty ...	236	17	72·0	...	1	2	6	6	...	2
Darrang ...	Ditto ...	3. Sessa ...	891	70	78·5	5	11	18	...	5	8	23
	Ditto ...	4. Kolony ...	856	81	94·6	1	4	49	...	7	7	13
	Act-population	Kolony ...	141	40	283·6	2	...	30	...	3	2	3
	Act and non-Act population.	Kolony ...	997	121	121·3	3	4	79	...	10	9	6
	Act population	5. Addabari ...	176	20	113·6	...	...	2	...	4	3	11
	Ditto ...	6. New Addabari ...	191	25	130·8	...	...	6	...	4	1	14
	Ditto ...	7. Singlijan ...	163	14	85·8	...	3	7	...	4	...	...
	Non-Act population.	8. Khongia and Korahat.	754	56	74·2	46	1	2	3	...	2	2
	Act population	9. Mathuropur ...	179	17	94·9	...	6	4	...	4	1	2
	Ditto ...	10. Towkok ...	197	22	111·6	2	...	10	1	3	...	6
	Ditto ...	11. Tingalibam ...	106	13	122·6	...	...	6	...	...	3	4
	Ditto ...	12. Kathalguri ...	139	15	107·9	4	...	2	...	2	...	7
Sibsagar ...	Ditto ...	13. Moriani and Hunwall.	119	13	109·1	...	1	7	...	...	...	5
	Ditto ...	14. Halikha, Kamoli and Dhopatbari.	218	54	250·5	4	...	38	...	8	...	6
	Ditto ...	15. Duklengia, Hattigar Kollapani.	163	13	79·7	...	2	2	2	2	...	5
	Non-Act population.	16. Khonikor and Diha.	525	46	87·6	25	...	7	4	3	...	7
	Act population	17. Hatikhuli ...	126	12	95·2	...	...	10	...	1	...	1
	Non-Act population.	18. Deering ...	100	13	81·25	1	...	3	3	...	6	...
Lakhimpur	Act population	19. Doyhaikarang ...	181	15	82·8	...	...	3	3	2	5	2
	Ditto ...	20. Kharjan ...	332	40	147·5	1	...	25	...	7	5	11
	Ditto ...	21. Borbam Joukatoli.	145	13	89·6	1	1	1	...	4	1	5
	Ditto ...	22. Sessa and Kacharbari.	78	10	128·2	...	...	2	...	6	2	...
	Ditto ...	23. Keybang ...	146	11	75·3	1	...	4	...	1	4	1
	Ditto ...	24. Chabua ...	275	35	127·2	2	2	12	1	11	2	5
	Ditto ...	25. Rahmaria Balijan.	318	23	103·7	6	...	12	1	2	3	9
	Ditto ...	26. Naharkatia ...	99	10	101·0	2	3	2	...	...	1	2
	Ditto ...	27. Zeajeli ...	139	21	151·0	...	3	6	1	6	5	...
	Ditto ...	28. Joyhing ...	440	43	109·0	3	...	13	1	15	6	10
	Ditto ...	29. Silonibari ...	591	43	72·7	3	5	10	2	12	...	11
	Non-Act population.	30. Dirjan Hopewell ...	1,504	111	73·8	3	2	14	3	5	28	53
	Ditto ...	31. Tamjan ...	959	77	80·2	2	...	36	5	4	9	21

CHAPTER VI.

OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS.

Complaints by planters and by coolies. Statement IX.

20. Only one complaint of ill-treatment was made by a coolie against his employer during the year and in that case as well as in the one pending from the previous year the complaint was dismissed.

Applications for discharge certificates were filed in 447 cases and were successful in 267 cases.

Managers instituted 820 cases under Act XIII during the year; of these 353 were decided in favour of the complainants, the coolies being sent to prison in 49 cases while 461 cases were dismissed.

Good relations were maintained between employers and employed and cases of collision were not numerous. There were in all 10 cases of unlawful assembly or rioting, but most of them were unimportant, the most serious case being a riot by some Uriya coolies on a Nowgong garden. An Assistant Manager of a garden in Sylhet was charged with causing a boy's death. He was said to have caught the boy stealing wood and to have struck him with a piece of bamboo. There was, however, no evidence and the accused was discharged.

Desertions. Statement X.

21. There were 2,067 desertions of Act VI labourers compared with 3,023 in the previous year. Warrants were issued in 319 cases, arrests were effected in 150 cases and 141 coolies were convicted of desertion, 74 being punished with imprisonment.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inspections. Statement XI.

22. There were 734 gardens on the register at the close of the year, a net increase of one. Two new gardens were opened in Lakhimpur and one in Sylhet, while one garden was closed in Sylhet and one was amalgamated with another in Sibsagar. The number of gardens liable to inspection rose from 347 to 394 and 389 were actually inspected.

Capitation fees. Statement XII.

23. Capitation fees fell from Rs. 25,360 in 1908-1909 to Rs. 17,631 in the year under review.

Relations between planters and neighbouring villagers.

24. Relations between the planters and the neighbouring villagers are reported to have been generally excellent.

Colonisation of ex-tea-garden coolies.

25. At the close of the year 164,121 acres of Government land were settled direct with time-expired coolies, an increase of 11,124 acres, which occurred mainly in Darrang, Lakhimpur and Nowgong. In addition to the land held direct from Government, large areas are held by *ex*-coolies as sub-tenants.

Inland Labour Transport operations.

26. Receipts amounted to Rs. 34,127 during the year and disbursements to Rs. 49,285.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor,

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Secretary to the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam.

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—Statistics of the Adult Coolies employed under Act VI of 1901 on the Tea Estates in the Province of Eastern Bengal and Assam during the year 1909-1910.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1909-1910.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1909-1910.												Number remaining at the end of the year 1909-1910.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importations.				Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 10.	Cancelment under sections 11, 152 (1), 153(1), 154 and 200.	Cancelment for permanent unfitness under section 151.	Cancelment under section 140(1).	Suspended under section 199.	Efflux of time, section 155.	Redemption, section 156.	Number dismissed by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having struck off as deserters.	Total added.																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	875	112	...	1	...	113	988	11	25	44	...	...	...	...	...	131	...	4	215	773	824	30·3
Sylhet	552	79	...	4	3	86	638	...	17	62	...	...	...	...	...	237	...	43	359	279	415	40·9
Total, Surma Valley	1,427	191	...	5	3	199	1,626	11	42	106	...	...	...	...	...	368	...	47	574	1,052	1,239	33·9
Kamrup	62	...	...	...	...	...	62	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	14	48	55	54·5
Darrang	11,846	1,131	342	101	40	1,614	13,460	101	316	505	...	...	7	...	...	4,777	3	173	6,082	7,378	9,612	53·7
Nowgong	2,861	249	...	10	2	261	3,122	19	69	134	...	...	7	...	...	798	...	...	1,040	2,082	2,471	27·9
Sibsagar	5,843	1,612	15	45	21	1,693	10,518	43	439	568	2	...	6	...	...	3,112	...	139	4,331	6,207	7,816	58·4
Lakhimpur	15,639	1,761	158	187	67	2,173	17,832	261	682	730	2	...	18	...	...	6,100	1	27	7,821	10,011	12,835	53·1
Total Brahmaputra Valley ...	39,253	4,753	515	343	130	5,741	44,994	419	1,709	1,961	4	...	38	...	...	14,794	4	339	19,268	25,726	32,489	52·6
Total for 1909-1910	40,680	4,944	515	348	133	5,940	46,620	430	1,751	2,067	4*	...	38	...	...	15,162	4	386	19,842	26,778	33,728	51·9
,, ,, 1908-1909	61,430	6,172	1,123	498	164	7,957	69,387	493	3,115	3,023	14	3	58	...	...	21,283	12	706	28,707	40,680	51,053	61·0

* This does not include two coolies of the district of Darrang whose contracts were cancelled under section 10.

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden bastis, but not employed under Act VI of 1901, and coolie children.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1909-1910. Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.	Total added.	Total of columns 2 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1909-1910. Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge, or desertion during the year.	Total deducted.	Number remaining at the end of the year 1909-1910.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ... {Adults ...	75,563	1,960	3,774	5,734	81,297	1,640	3,633	5,273	76,022	78,792	21·6
{Children ...	47,390	703	3,0·0	4,673	52,133	1,008	3,526	4,534	47,699	47,629	21·1
Sylhet ... {Adults ...	86,316	4,247	5,096	9,343	90,059	2,027	7,042	9,069	88,270	88,493	23·6
{Children ...	62,236	1,258	4,860	6,118	70,854	1,273	4,595	5,868	64,986	64,861	19·6
Surma Valley {Adults ...	164,159	6,307	8,870	15,177	179,336	4,267	10,677	14,944	164,392	164,275	25·9
{Children ...	112,240	1,961	5,830	10,791	123,087	2,281	8,121	10,402	112,685	112,490	20·3
Kamrup ... {Adults ...	1,777	98	373	471	2,248	51	379	430	1,818	1,797	28·3
{Children ...	1,025	39	111	150	1,175	41	83	124	1,051	1,033	39·4
Darrang ... {Adults ...	43,312	3,421	8,690	12,051	55,363	1,732	5,749	7,472	49,811	47,551	36·4
{Children ...	31,913	1,309	5,256	6,745	38,658	709	3,673	4,402	34,256	33,282	21·2
Nowgong ... {Adults ...	10,266	449	1,779	2,219	12,485	320	1,515	1,835	10,650	10,488	30·5
{Children ...	6,772	187	550	737	7,509	119	737	856	6,653	6,702	17·7
Sibsagar ... {Adults ...	95,016	6,212	8,790	15,002	110,018	3,060	8,691	11,751	98,267	96,036	32·8
{Children ...	73,237	2,864	5,485	8,349	81,586	1,547	6,330	7,877	73,709	73,473	21·1
Lakhimpur... {Adults ...	100,716	7,466	10,542	18,008	118,710	3,631	9,153	12,784	105,935	105,325	35·1
{Children ...	70,767	3,278	5,629	9,004	79,771	1,997	4,910	6,817	72,954	71,801	26·5
Brahmaputra Valley. {Adults ...	252,987	17,631	30,143	47,774	300,761	8,814	25,478	34,292	266,469	259,737	33·9
{Children ...	185,716	7,974	14,921	21,895	207,611	4,363	15,153	19,516	187,995	186,836	23·3
Total ... {Adults ...	417,146	23,938	39,913	63,851	480,997	13,681	36,155	49,836	430,861	424,002	30·8
{Children ...	298,022	9,938	20,851	32,756	330,778	6,644	21,474	30,118	300,089	299,346	22·2
Grand Total for 1909-1910 ...	715,168	33,873	61,864	95,737	810,905	19,725	59,629	79,354	731,541	723,348	27·3
Total for 1908-1909 ...	678,365	53,478	64,481	117,959	796,324	22,515	58,651	81,166	715,158	696,759	32·3

STATEMENT II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour Force.

Nationality.	Act. Men.	Act. Women.	Act. Total.	Non-Act. Men.	Non-Act. Women.	Non-Act. Total.	Total. Men.	Total. Women.	Total. Total.	Percentage of total column to column 10.	Percentage of column 10 to total labour force.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	4,360	3,816	8,176	77,087	80,178	157,265	81,447	83,994	165,441	50·77	36·15
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	6,406	5,334	11,740	81,573	83,163	164,736	87,979	88,497	176,476	50·14	38·56
Central Provinces	2,838	2,507	5,345	32,417	32,887	65,304	35,255	35,394	70,649	50·09	15·44
Madras	712	563	1,275	13,705	12,103	25,808	14,417	12,691	27,108	46·79	5·92
Eastern Bengal and Assam ...	105	132	237	10,575	6,430	17,105	10,680	6,562	17,242	38·05	3·79
Others*	3	2	5	481	140	623	484	142	626	22·62	·14
Total of 1909-1910	14,424	12,354	26,778	216,200	214,661	430,861	230,624	227,015	457,639	49·61	100·00
,, ,, 1908-1909	22,290	18,390	40,680	208,125	209,021	417,146	230,415	227,411	457,826	49·67	100·00

* This includes figures for Bombay and Nepal.

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited.

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars. Men.	Imported by garden sardars. Women.	Imported by garden sardars. Total.	Imported by contractors. Men.	Imported by contractors. Women.	Imported by contractors. Total.	Total Act. Men.	Total Act. Women.	Total Act. Total.	Total non-Act. Men.	Total non-Act. Women.	Total non-Act. Total.	Total Act and non-Act. Men.	Total Act and non-Act. Women.	Total Act and non-Act. Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	7	9	16	1,068	791	1,859	1,075	800	1,875	4,134	3,418	7,552	5,469	4,218	9,687
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	286	213	499	1,191	921	2,112	1,477	1,134	2,611	3,600	2,946	6,546	5,097	4,080	9,177
Central Provinces	...	...	...	568	335	843	508	335	843	2,404	1,918	4,109	3,002	2,252	5,252
Madras	...	...	...	73	54	127	73	54	127	2,347	2,033	4,380	2,540	2,087	4,627
Eastern Bengal and Assam.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	481	2	483	481	2	483
Others*	...	...	...	2	1	3	2	1	3	144	22	166	146	23	169
Total of 1909-1910 ...	293	222	515	2,842	2,102	4,944	3,135	2,324	5,459	13,110	10,339	23,235	16,737	12,660	29,397
,, ,, 1908-1909 ...	593	530	1,123	3,465	2,707	6,172	4,058	3,237	7,295	20,030	15,199	35,229	24,088	18,436	42,524

* This includes figures for Bombay and Nepal.

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act Labourers.

District.	Number of certificates granted to garden sirdars.	Number of certificates for recruiting granted to contractors' employés.	Number of sardari coolies recruited.	Average number of recruits per sirdar.	Number of contractors' coolies imported.	Total number of coolies imported under the Act.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts. Under Chapter III.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts. Under Chapter IV.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts. Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cachar	390	101	...	...	112	112	...	...	...
Sylhet	908	570	...	...	79	79	...	...	...
Total, Surma Valley	1,298	671	...	...	191	191	...	...	...
Kamrup	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	2,188	1,293	342	·15	1,131	1,473	1,131	342	1,473
Nowgong	365	308	...	...	249	249	249	...	249
Sibsagar	4,346	2,349	15	·003	1,612	1,627	1,612	15	1,627
Lakhimpur	4,645	3,306	158	·003	1,761	1,919	1,761	158	1,919
Total, Assam Valley ...	11,576	7,258	515	·004	4,753	5,268	4,753	515	5,268
Total of 1909-1910	12,874	7,929	515	·004	4,944	5,459	4,753	515	5,268
„ „ 1908-1909	11,932	7,812	3,123	·009	6,172	7,295	6,172	1,123	7,295

STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

District.	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts. Through want of a guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.	Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure. Buildings.	Establishments, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	137	1,412	...	6	...	796	...	406 0 0	193 0 0	599 0 0
Darrang	1	6,413	5,471	2,424	38	31	709	...	207 13 10	1,769 11 4	1,977 9 2
Nowgong	1	876	1,397	214	12	8	335	...	373 3 0	704 8 6	1,077 11 6
Sibsagar ...	4	10,703	6,797	2,016	38	133	3,045	...	1,369 0 0	2,715 3 3	4,284 3 3
Lakhimpur	1	12,754	5,561	740	88	21	4,712	...	237 7 0	1,011 13 0	1,249 4 0
Total of 1909-1910 ...	8	30,873	20,238	5,394	182	193	9,597	...	2,793 7 10	6,394 4 1	9,187 11 11
„ „ 1908-1909 ...	8	48,988	35,758	7,117	236	548	17,228	...	3,325 1 8	6,094 8 2	9,419 9 10

* Including sardars, coolies imported for gardens in Golaghat Subdivision bordering Nowgong district.

STATEMENT VI.—Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	2
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	1	9	...	...	5	5	5	18
Nowgong	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	5
Sibsagar	3	10	2	1	4	6	7	19
Lakhimpur	4	22	3	2	15	6	20	30
Total of 1909-1910	8	44	6	3	25	18	34	74
„ „ 1908-1909	12	46	8	14	28	8	50	80

STATEMENT VII.—Repatriation of Labourers.

District.	Total number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated				
		Under section 12 (section 10 or 11).	Under section 138 (section 139).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	2	...	...	...	2	2
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	9	2	5	...	...	7
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	7	...	3	...	...	3
Lakhimpur	21	2	17	2	...	21
Total of 1909-1910	39	4	25	2	2	33
„ „ 1908-1909	77	3	51	6	7	67

District.	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but who were not repatriated.						Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport Operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	3	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	72 13 6	...	72 13 6
Total of 1909-1910	3	1	2	...	...	6	72 13 6	...	72 13 6
„ „ 1908-1909	8	2	...	...	...	10	57 7 0	...	57 7 0

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all Classes of Labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from							Total deaths.	Ratio per mille.
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or ankylostomiasis.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar	Act ...	824	5	2	3	2	6	1	6	25	30·3
	Non-Act adults	75,792	126	63	261	281	135	378	396	1,640	21·6
	Children ...	47,629	75	20	90	208	67	255	273	1,008	21·1
	Total adults	76,616	131	65	264	283	141	379	402	1,665	21·7
Sylhet	Act ...	415	1	4	2	3	4	...	3	17	40·9
	Non-Act adults	88,483	416	304	422	412	295	303	475	2,627	29·5
	Children ...	64,861	101	144	217	387	72	67	285	1,273	19·6
	Total adults	88,898	417	308	424	415	291	303	478	2,644	29·7
Kamrup	Act ...	55	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	3	54·5
	Non-Act adults	1,797	3	5	8	15	10	...	10	51	28·3
	Children ...	1,038	3	3	4	20	7	...	4	41	39·4
	Total adults	1,852	3	5	10	15	11	...	10	54	29·1
Darrang	Act ...	9,612	32	26	143	5	119	79	90	516	53·7
	Non-Act adults	47,511	82	76	445	21	376	334	393	1,727	36·4
	Children ...	33,782	31	30	193	14	83	86	292	749	22·2
	Total adults	57,123	114	102	590	26	515	413	483	2,248	39·3
Nowgong	Act ...	2,471	3	7	14	10	5	...	30	69	27·9
	Non-Act adults	10,438	5	19	61	44	24	...	167	320	30·5
	Children ...	6,702	5	8	20	43	6	...	37	119	17·7
	Total adults	12,909	8	26	75	54	29	...	197	389	30·0
Sibsagar	Act ...	7,516	39	31	172	19	46	38	94	439	58·4
	Non-Act adults	96,636	383	182	874	172	255	433	781	3,080	31·8
	Children ...	73,473	79	77	473	289	48	121	460	1,547	21·1
	Total adults	104,152	422	213	1,046	191	301	471	875	3,519	33·7
Lakhimpur	Act ...	12,835	33	60	171	30	147	99	142	682	53·1
	Non-Act adults	103,325	169	391	760	228	535	731	817	3,631	35·1
	Children ...	71,861	47	142	457	268	143	356	474	1,907	26·5
	Total adults	116,160	202	451	931	258	682	830	959	4,313	37·1
Grand Total	Act ...	33,728	113	130	509	69	328	217	365	1,751	51·9
	Non-Act adults	424,002	1,184	1,040	2,831	1,173	1,630	2,179	3,044	13,081	30·8
	Children ...	299,346	341	444	1,454	1,249	446	883	1,825	6,644	22·2
	Total adults	457,730	1,297	1,170	3,340	1,242	1,958	2,396	3,409	14,832	32·4
	Total Labour force ...	757,076	1,638	1,614	4,794	2,491	2,404	3,281	5,234	21,476	28·4

STATEMENT IX.—Offences committed by Tea-garden Coolies and by Tea Planters.

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or illegal molestation, without reference to re-muneration.	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment in connection with wages.	Applications for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract and false desertion complaints.	For failure of garden sirdars to return to duty.	For striking coolies.	Unlawful assembly or riot-ing.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	2	...	421	81	1,153	13	16	10	8	5
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	2	...	26*	3	104	...	1	1	...	...
Total	4	...	447	84	1,257	13	17	11	8	5
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	...	1	1	...	16	10	8	4
Against complainant	1	...	1	4	8	...	...	...	...	1
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	67	19	2
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	63	4	140	1	8	1	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	58	17	197	11	8	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	74	...	6	...	...	...
Number dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	44	3	353	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	33	7	461	...	...	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with executively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	160	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	1	...	90	14	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Revised figure.

STATEMENT X.—Statement of Desertions among Adult Labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivisions.	Number of desertions.	Percentage of desertions on total strength.	Number of warrants issued for the arrest of deserters.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar ... Sadr	25	4·03	...	...	...	...
Hailakandi	19	9·3	...	...	...	...
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... Karimganj	16	9·66	1	...	...	...
South Sylhet	46	20·86	...	...	...	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup ... Sadr	4	7·37	...	...	...	...
Darrang ... Sadr	441	4·99	133	65	59	38
Mangaldai	64	8·20	9	6	6	4
Nowgong ... Sadr	154	8·23	21	15	13	13
Sadr	188	5·64	31	18	12	12
Sibsagar ... Jorhat	264	11·73	8	2	2	2
Golaghat	116	9·58	15	1	1	1
Lakhimpur ... Sadr	372	5·16	91	44	44	1
North Lakhimpur ...	158	8·63	10	9	4	3
Total of 1909-1910	2,057	6·13	319	150	141	74
,, ,, 1908-1909	3,023	5·92	567	254	206	148

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing Act labour.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Number not inspected in the previous year.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Specially selected for annual inspection.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Total.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Of those entered in column 4.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Of those entered in column 5.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Total.	Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cachar	20	143	52	9	61	52	9	61	61	...	34	17	...	10	61	113
Sylhet	34	99	57	18	75	86	18	74	73	1[b]	9	64	3	...	76	129
Kamrup	2	11	...	5	5	...	5	5	5	...	4	...	1	...	5	14
Darrang	68	15	33	25	58	30	24	54	42	12	32	7	27	...	66	74
Nowgong	29	4	16	3	19	16	3	19	17	2	6	...	15	...	21	34
Sibsagar	105	35	60	39	99	60	39	99	94	5	16	38	29	1	104	138
Lakhimpur	123	11	55	22	77	55	22	77	77	...	43	4	20	10	77	134
Total of 1909-1910 ...	381	313	273	121	394*	269	120	389	369	20	144	130	95	21	410	635

* Inspected thrice.

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and Collection of Capitation Fees under Section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

District.	Demand for the year: Number of labourers for whom fee is payable.*	Demand for the year: Total demand.	Arrears from previous year outstanding.	Gross demand.	Total realised.	Balance outstanding.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	96	24 0 0	15 0 0	39 0 0	27 8 0	11 8 0
Darrang	18,003	4,500 12 0	...	4,500 12 0	4,464 4 0	36 8 0
Nowgong	5,338	1,389 8 0	...	1,389 8 0	1,389 8 0	...
Sibsagar	13,561	3,390 4 0	106 0 0	3,496 4 0	3,436 12 0(a)	74 4 0
Lakhimpur	24,573	6,143 4 0	4,782 0 0(b)	10,925 4 0	8,313 8 0(c), 2,611 12 0(d)	
Total	61,791	15,447 12 0	4,903 0 0	20,350 12 0	17,631 8 0	2,734 0 0

* The figures in this column represent the number of coolies on which the fee for the half year was payable.

(a) Includes excess payment of Rs. 14-12-0.

(b) Revised figure.

(c) Exclusive of excess collection of Rs. 64.

(d) Rupees 2,443-8-0 realised since the close of the year.

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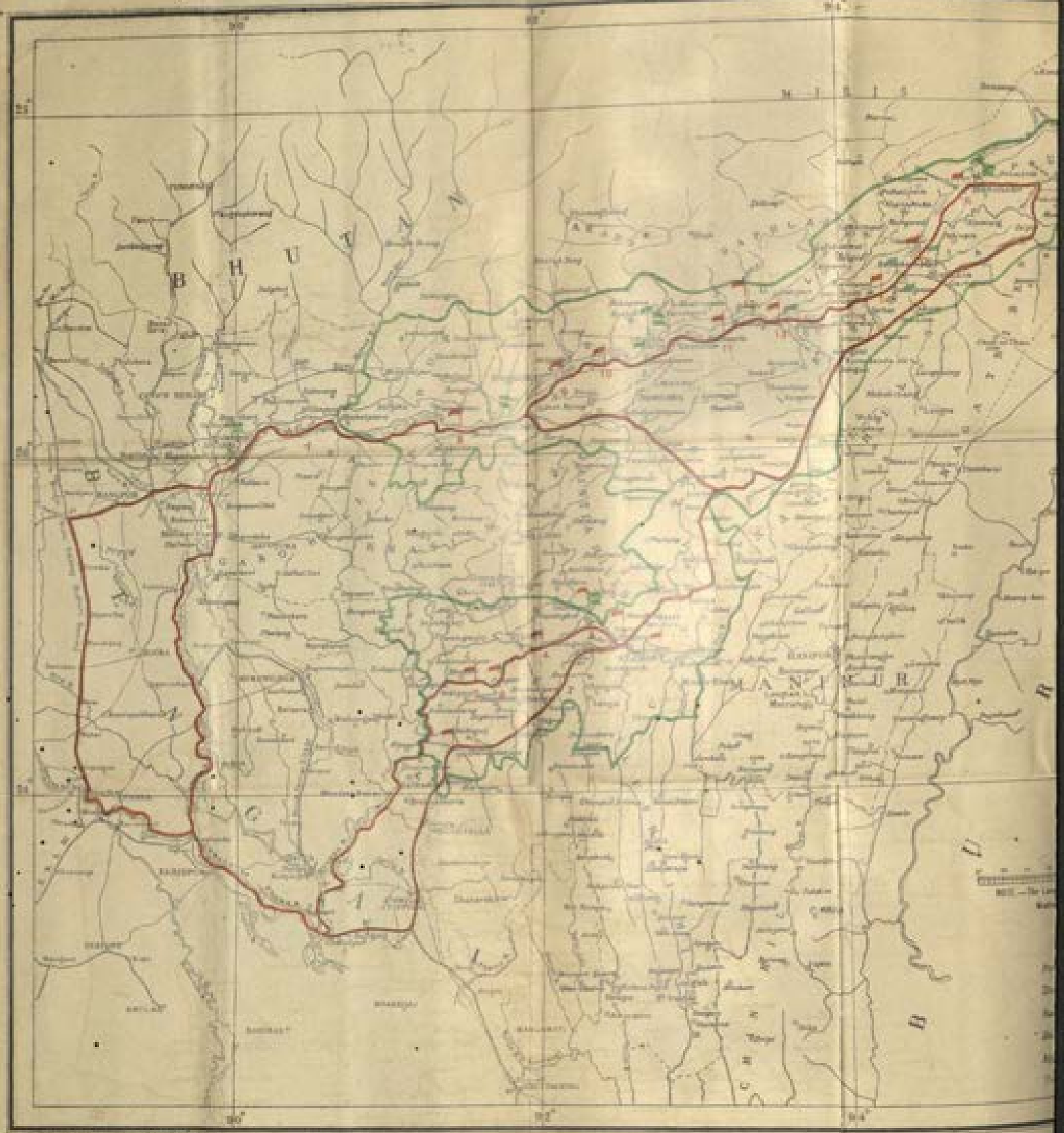
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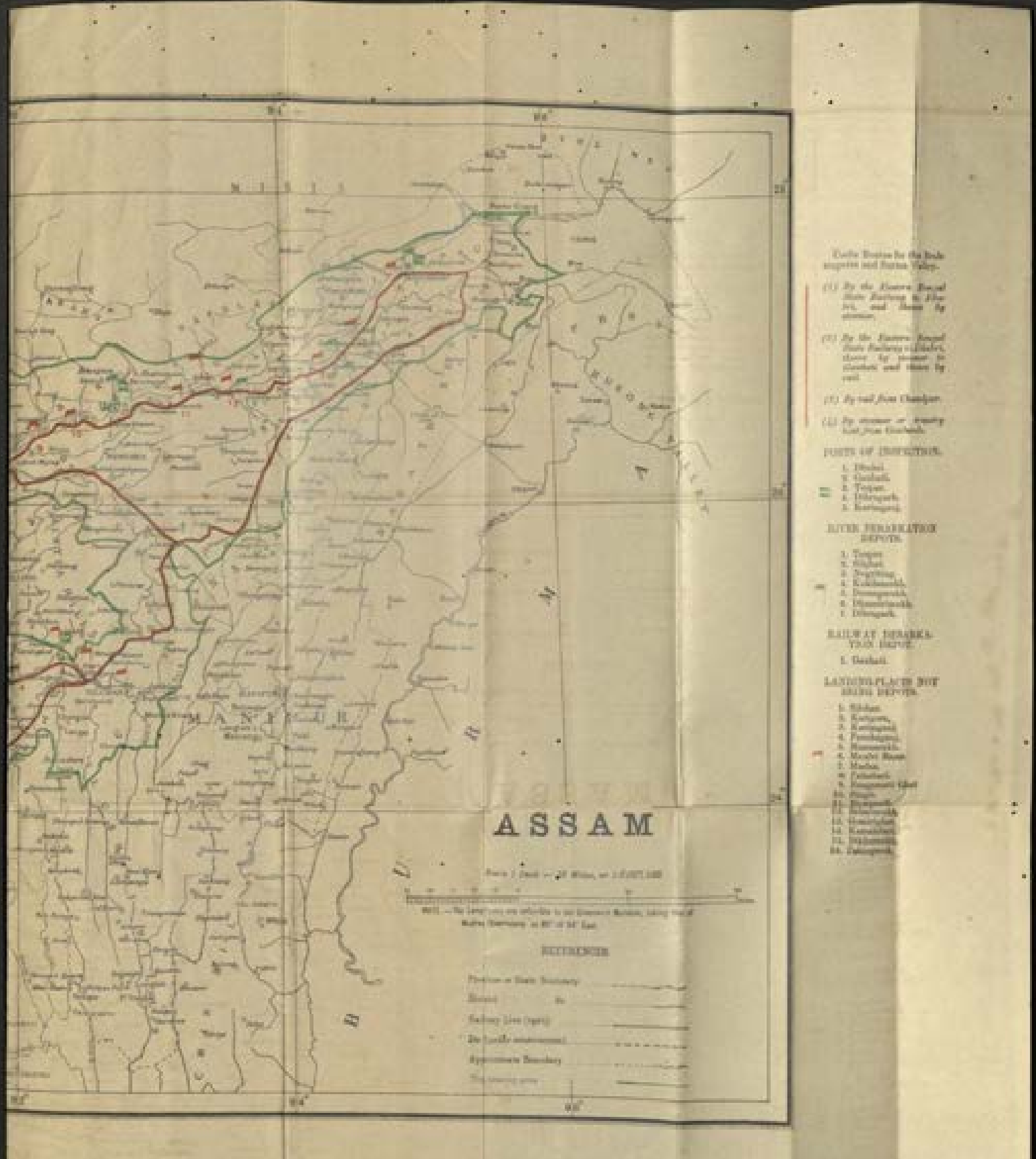
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(2) By the Assam Bengal State Railway to Gauhati, thence by steamer to Goalundo and thence by rail.
(3) By rail from Chandpur.
(4) By steamer or country boat from Goalundo.
POINTS OF INDUCTION.
1. Dhubri.
2. Gauhati.
3. Tezpur.
4. Dibrugarh.
5. Sadiyagarh.
RIVER PERAMBULATOR DEPOTS.
1. Tezpur.
2. Silghat.
3. Nowgong.
4. Kaliabarwah.
5. Doomdooma.
6. Dhemdhemah.
7. Dibrugarh.
RAILWAY DISPATCH TRAIN DEPOT.
1. Gauhati.
LATENCY-PLACE BOY RULING DEPOTS.
1. Sibsagar.
2. Kachuree.
3. Kaliagaon.
4. Panchagaon.
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6. Mouza Mukh.
7. Mahur.
8. Gauhati.
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10. Dhubri.
11. Bishnath.
12. Dhemdhemah.
13. Doomdooma.
14. Kaliabarwah.
15. Nowgong.
16. Silghat.

Resolution on Immigrant Labour in Assam for the year 1911-1912.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Assam in the Revenue Department, No. 3148R., dated the 10th December 1912.

HEAD—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

THIS Resolution deals with the labour force imported for employment on tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal mines, and in certain saw-mills The labour employed on railways is excluded, and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

2. The year was again a prosperous one for the tea industry. The demand for labour steadily increased, and there was a considerable increase in immigration, although this was not assisted by scarcity in the recruiting districts. The mortality during transit remained at a low figure, and the year was a healthy one in the tea gardens.

3. The Resolution for the year 1910-1911 described the suggested changes in the system of labour and recruitment, and stated that the Tea Industry and the Local Government had been consulted. The Chief Commissioner has had the labour question under his most careful consideration, and has formed very definite views as to what would be in the best interests of the Tea Industry. Inasmuch, however, as the subject is now under the consideration of the Government of India, he does not think that it would be proper for him to enter into a discussion on the present occasion of the points at issue.

Still further progress was made in the gradual substitution of free for indentured labour and further areas were leased from Government by managers on special terms with the object of giving their coolies rice fields of their own to cultivate. The Chief Commissioner is anxious to continue the policy of his predecessors in the matter of making lands available for the purpose indicated, and will always receive sympathetically applications to that effect,

4. In the course of the year renewed complaints were received of the absconding of labourers from the tea gardens in Sylhet into Hill Tippera, and of the manner in which warrants under Act XIII of 1859 issued by British Courts were executed in the State. The Indian Tea Association represented to the Local Administration that, while recognising that in the case of free labour the annual loss sustained to tea gardens through the attraction of the low rents ruling in Hill Tippera must be faced, they were entitled to claim that warrants, when issued, should be executed effectively. The justice of this claim is undoubted, and the Chief Commissioner has addressed the Government of Bengal accordingly.

Strength and distribution of the labour force.

5. At the close of the year the total strength of the labour force was 791,462, the increase over the figures of 1910-1911 being 28, 223. As indicating the progress of the gradual substitution of free for indentured labour it may be mentioned that the number of Act labourers fell during the year to 14, 279 or 3·0 per cent. of the adult labourers. Of the total labour force 64·10 per cent. was employed in the Assam Valley and 35·90 per cent. in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

6. The distribution of the labour population according to nationality and sex remained practically unchanged, Chota Nazpur, the Santhal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal accounting for 73 per cent. of the total. The proportion of women was 44·51 per cent. of Act labourers and 48·60 of non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 39·19 of the total strength.

Average under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

7. The area under tea cultivation rose from 349,587 to 353,570 acres. The number of adults employed per acre remained unchanged, the district average varying from ·74 in Kamrup to 1·65 in Lakhimpur. These figures take no account of local labour available from outside the gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration.

8. Statistics of immigration into the Province during the past five years are given in the following table :—

Class of labourers.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Act ... { Sardari adults ...	4,890	1,123	515	616	664
Act ... { Contractors' adults ...	8,422	6,172	4,949	5,194	3,747
Non-Act adults	45,622	35,229	23,933	28,482	41,494
Total of Act and non-Act adults ...	58,934	42,524	29,397	34,292	45,905
Children	25,890	18,249	9,935	9,365	12,741
Grand Total ...	84,824	60,773	39,332	43,657	58,646

The figures of 1907-1908 and 1908-1909 are abnormal, being to a large extent due to the prevalence of famine or scarcity in the recruiting districts. The subsequent years were free from exceptional circumstances, and the steady increase in the number of recruits depends on other causes. During the year under review there was increased importation into every district in the Province, and many of the District Officers speak of the gradual removal of the prejudice against Assam, and hold that the greater freedom of labour conditions and the attraction of land for cultivation are having effect in the recruiting districts. The increase in recruitment from Madras was most marked.

Mortality during transit.

9. The improvement in the health of coolies during transit continued in spite of the increase in the number of immigrants. The number of deaths was 30 as against 23 in the preceding year. The Chief Commissioner desires again to acknowledge the valuable work done by the Sanitary Commissioner and his staff in providing immigrants with medical aid and improving the conditions under which they travel.

Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

10. Despite the growth in the volume of immigration there was practically no increase in the number of complaints of fraudulent or irregular recruitment. In all, 102 such complaints were made, of which 51 were found to be true. The figures for the preceding year were 99 and 42.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

11. The number of contracts executed in the recruiting districts fell from 5,869 to 4,411.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

12. Contracts cancelled by the efflux of time were for the most part regularly reported. The improvement in this respect, in the district of Darrang noticed last year was maintained, the expiry of 1,897 out of 1,904 contracts being duly reported. The total number of time-expired contracts was 7,760. One hundred and ninety-nine contracts were dissolved by mutual consent, while 20 were cancelled under section 131 for permanent unfitness and 28 under section 10 for irregular recruitment.

13. The option of repatriation was given to 92 coolies, of whom 65 availed themselves of it, while 20 elected to remain on their gardens.

Repatriation (Statement VII).

14. Act XIII of 1859 continued to be largely used, and is again reported to have worked well on the whole. As remarked in last year's Resolution, the successful working of the Act requires a certain amount of give and take on the part of both employers and labourers, and the Chief Commissioner is glad to be able to repeat that the manner in which the Act was worked continues to afford a gratifying testimony to the general good sense and good feelings that mark the relations between employers and employed in the tea districts. On most gardens no distinction in the matter of privileges is made between Act VI labourers and coolies who have executed agreements under Act XIII.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

15. The following statement gives the average monthly wages of Act labourers calculated on the earnings of March and September :—

Wages of Act labourers.

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1911 and March 1912 of monthly cash wage, including *tiece*, diet, rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on the books.		Of average daily working strength.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 6 9	4 9 2	6 15 10	6 1 0
Hailakandi	6 2 9	5 6 9	7 7 5	6 14 4
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	5 4 4	3 8 11	6 10 8	4 14 2
South Sylhet	6 5 11	4 6 9	7 14 10	6 11 3
Habiganj	...	...	...	...
Kamrup Sadr	5 2 7	3 11 3	6 11 0	5 0 9
Darrang Sadr	4 11 4	5 4 10	6 7 9	6 8 1
Mangaldai	6 2 5	5 15 11	7 6 3	7 8 11
Nowgong	5 0 10	4 15 10	6 7 4	6 5 5
Jorhat Sadr	5 1 8	4 2 3	5 10 0	5 7 8
Sibsagar	5 4 6	4 9 4	6 12 5	6 4 1
Golaghat	5 5 11	4 6 4	6 7 2	5 7 5
Lakhimpur Sadr	6 2 6	5 3 8	7 11 2	6 10 5
North Lakhimpur	5 5 9	4 7 7	6 14 9	6 2 1
Average for 1911-1912* ...	5 8 4	4 15 11	6 15 9	6 6 3
Average for 1910-1911 ...	5 11 0	5 1 6	7 0 11	6 5 2

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) during the same months.

These figures approximate very closely to those of the preceding year. Cash earnings are only one item in a labourer's wellbeing, and, as leave is said in most districts to have been freely granted to labourers for cultivation on their own account, arguments based on the average rate of wages alone must be received with caution.

Non-Act coolies.

16. The average earnings of non-Act coolies are shown below :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1911 and March 1912 of monthly cash wage, including cocoa, dist. rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.								
	Of total number on the book.			Of average daily working strength.					
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			
Cachar Sadr	5 4 5	3 14 6	2 4 6	6 12 6	5 10 10	3 7 8			
Hailakandi	4 12 4	3 15 4	2 4 10	6 10 9	6 2 5	3 10 9			
North Sylhet	5 2 2	3 7 2	2 7 9	6 9 9	4 13 10	3 3 1			
Karimganj	4 13 1	3 11 1	2 7 7	7 2 2	5 10 10	3 4 10			
South Sylhet	5 7 3	4 4 4	2 4 10	7 0 10	5 11 9	3 9 8			
Habiganj	5 11 4	4 3 11	2 8 7	7 3 1	6 3 9	3 14 9			
Kamrup Sadr	4 4 5	3 8 2	2 1 0	7 3 9	5 15 4	3 10 8			
Darrang Sadr	5 10 7	5 0 3	2 12 10	7 0 10	6 8 6	3 7 7			
Mangaldai	5 1 9	4 9 7	2 6 6	7 9 6	6 2 8	3 5 1			
Nowgong	6 0 5	5 2 10	2 14 7	8 0 9	7 8 9	4 1 10			
Jorhat Sadr	5 6 0	3 13 3	2 10 11	6 13 8	5 2 8	3 10 10			
Sibsagar	5 11 11	4 10 2	2 14 0	7 4 7	6 3 2	3 12 5			
Golaghat	5 6 6	3 14 5	2 9 1	7 0 10	5 0 3	3 12 3			
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 14 7	5 5 11	3 4 0	10 10 9	7 7 1	4 2 6*			
North Lakhimpur	5 9 1	4 7 2	2 7 2	7 8 6	6 3 11	3 5 1			
Average for 1911-1912* ...	5 15 11	4 7 9	2 11 0	7 1 5	6 3 7	3 11 8			
Average for 1910-1911 ...	5 11 6	4 6 7	2 11 11	7 10 5	6 0 11	3 12 4			

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 3 of Form No. 27) and by the total of average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) during the months.

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

17. The recorded birth rate per mille was 27·7 calculated on the total strength of the coolie population, and 93·3 calculated on the adult female population, the figures for the preceding year being 27·8 and 92·9, respectively. The Deputy Commissioner of Cachar thinks that the falling off in the recorded birth rate of his district may be due to the fact that each year more coolies elect to live, not in the garden lines, but in villages outside where registration is more imperfect. The difference between the recorded rates for the province and for the tea gardens was still very marked, the birth rate for the whole province being 31·84 per mille of the total population and 160·29 per mille of the adult female population.

Birth-rate.

District.	Number of births.	Birth rate per mille on	
		Total coolie population.	Adult female population.
Cachar	3,193	27·4	90·1
Sylhet	4,691	30·2	101·7
Kamrup	93	26·1	83·8
Darrang	2,107	22·9	77·5
Nowgong	437	22·1	74·2
Sibsagar	5,431	28·9	99·9
Lakhimpur	5,031	27·3	92·8
Total for 1911-1912 ...	21,760	27·7	93·3
Total for 1910-1911 ...	21,196	27·8	92·9

Death-rate (Statement VIII).

18. The registered death-rate of the labour force as a whole decreased from 27·8 in 1910-1911 to 26·5, the number of deaths being 20,573 against 21,133. The rate among adults was 30·7 as against 32·2 in 1910-11. Darrang again had the highest recorded death-rate (36·0), with Lakhimpur (34·3) second. In both these districts outbreaks of cholera are reported to have been responsible for the high figures. As in previous years, mortality was greater among Act labourers than among non-Act coolies.

Mortality according to nationality.

19. The following statement compares the death-rate among coolies from the several recruiting areas:—

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal ...	Men ...	169,488	2,662	32·60
	Women ...		2,863	
Chota-Nagpur and Southal Parganas ...	Men ...	170,823	2,383	28·45
	Women ...		2,647	
Central Provinces	Men ...	69,585	1,103	32·19
	Women ...		1,137	
Madras	Men ...	34,840	692	37·83
	Women ...		627	
Assam	Men ...	20,434	120	18·30
	Women ...		254	
Others'	Men ...	1,321	21	28·47
	Women ...		10	
Total	Men ...	241,957	6,931	28·85
	Women ...	230,534	7,537	32·69
Grand Total ...	.....	472,491	14,518	30·73

The Madras rate was practically unchanged with a largely increased importation of labourers, but among immigrants from the Central Provinces the improvement manifested in the last three years continued. There was an improvement in the other important recruiting areas also.

——	1910-1911.	1911-1912.
1	2	3
Mean strength	23,821	17,573
Deaths from—		
Cholera	54	65
Diarrhœa	80	73
Dysentery	436	338
Malarial fever ...	56	46
Anæmia	233	181
Respiratory diseases ...	166	111
Other causes ...	265	230
Total ...	1,290	1,064

The mean strength of the total Act labour force and the number of deaths from the chief diseases are shown in the marginal statement. Dysentery was again responsible for the largest number of deaths, Lakhimpur, Darrang, and Sibsagar being the districts that suffered most.

20. The number of time-expired coolies treated as in-patients in Government dispensaries rose from 357 to 468.

Sick and destitute coolies.

CHAPTER V.

UNHEALTHY GARDENS.

21. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality either of the total garden population, or among Act or non-Act coolies taken separately, exceeds 7 per cent. and the total number of deaths is not less than 10. During the year the number of gardens on the unhealthy list fell from 25 to 21. Three of these gardens are in Darrang, 6 in Sibsagar, and the remainder in Lakhimpur. Nine gardens are on the unhealthy list for the second year in succession.

District.	Unhealthy in respect of	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Rate per mille.	Causes of deaths.						
						Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia, or cachexia or splenodynamia.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Darrang...	Act population	1. Kachargaon	127	12	94·4	...	2	3	...	...	4	4
		2. Bhatiachang	298	24	81·3	...	1	6	...	13	2	2
		3. Orangajuli	119	15	126·0	3	1	1	...	1	7	2
		4. Matharapur	218	35	262·3	1	16	4·4	...	6	7	11
		5. Jaloka	220	28	115·0	...	...	18	...	3	3	5
Sibsagar	Act population	6. Towkok	107	11	102·8	1	3	...	3	1	4	...
		7. Borilla	180	13	75·0	2	...	3	...	2	...	6
		8. Hathikhuli	118	12	101·6	...	1	7	...	4	...	...
		9. Naborjan	115	10	86·4	...	...	5	3	1	...	1
		10. Chowkidingi	117	16	136·7	...	1	4	...	...	2	9
		11. Itakhoji	159	16	100·6	...	1	8	1	...	2	4
		12. Rahdang	246	18	73·1	...	1	3	...	13	...	1
		13. Namsang	57	16	280·7	...	1	9	...	...	4	2
Lakhimpur	Act population	14. Namdang	130	15	96·6	...	...	7	...	1	2	3
		15. Mamrup	96	11	112·2	5	1	...	...	...	3	2
		16. Sopon	169	14	82·8	...	...	6	2	3	1	2
		17. Pathalipam	27	14	518·5	...	5	...	...	5	1	3
		18. Dejoo	67	14	209·0	...	3	...	...	...	1	8
		19. Sillonihari	339	36	92·3	1	...	4	...	18	7	9
	Non-Act population	20. Titabimere	490	63	109·1	44	5	...	...	1	3	...
		21. Bonsal	1,164	101	86·7	51	9	9	12	3	7	10

CHAPTER VI.

OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS.

22. Nine complaints of ill-treatment were made by coolies against their employers during the year. In two instances the complaints were found to be true, six cases were dismissed and one case is still pending. Applications for discharge certificates were filed in 450 cases and were successful in 214 cases. Managers instituted 984 cases under Act XIII during the year. Of these 391 were decided in favour of the complainants, while 537 were dismissed. In 103 cases the coolies were sent to prison. The district of Darrang was responsible for the increase in the number of prosecutions, there being a decrease in the other districts of the province.

Complaints by coolies and by Managers.

Ten cases of riot or unlawful assembly and five charges of assault were instituted by managers. The most serious cases were:—

(1) A determined attack on the Manager and the staff of the Kalain Tea Estate in the district of Cachar.

(2) An attack on the Manager of the Dwarband Tea Estate in the district of Cachar by certain coolies who imagined that they had a grievance about the private cultivation of one of their number.

(3) An attack on the Superintendent of the Merwa Tea Estate in the district of Cachar.

(4) A serious riot on the Sadhartghop Tea Estate in the district of Darrang, in the course of which the Manager was beaten and his house and furniture were damaged.

(5) A serious assault by two coolies on the Manager of the Gelapukhri Tea Estate in the district of Lakhimpur. The Manager's arm was broken.

Special enquiries were ordered with a view to ascertaining the causes of the riots in the Cachar district. The result of the enquiries goes to show that these were isolated instances of rioting, and that there are no general causes operating to bring about future trouble of the same kind.

With but few exceptions good relations between employers and employed prevailed.

Desertions.

23. The number of desertions of Act VI labourers reported was 1,885. Warrants were issued in 202 cases, arrests being effected in 99. Of 79 coolies who were convicted, 27 were punished with imprisonment.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inspections.

24. There were 737 gardens on the register at the close of the year. Ten new gardens (two in Kamrup and eight in Sibsagar) were opened and two gardens (one in Darrang and one in Sibsagar) were closed. In Lakhimpur four gardens were amalgamated with the parent estates. The number of gardens liable to inspection during the year was 387, and of these 380 were inspected.

Capitation fees.

25. Capitation fees fell from Rs. 11,349 in 1910-1911 to Rs. 8,912 in the year under review.

Relation between planters and neighbouring villagers.

26. The relations between planters and the neighbouring villagers are reported to have been generally good.

Colonization of *ex*-tea-garden coolies.

27. At the close of the year the area of Government land settled direct with time-expired coolies was 185,404 acres against 173,683 acres in the preceding year. There was an increase in every district except Kamrup, the increase in Lakhimpur alone being 9,688 acres. In the same district 6,603 acres of Government land were settled with tea planters on special terms to enable them to allow their coolies to cultivate. In addition to the land held direct from Government *ex*-coolies also occupy large tracts as sub-tenants.

Inland Labour Transport operations.

28. Receipts amounted to Rs. 17,110 during the year and disbursements to Rs. 40,572.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

W. J. REID,

Chief Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—Statistics of the Adult Coolies employed under Act VI of 1901 on the Tea Estates in the Province of Assam during the year 1911-1912.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1911-1912.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1911-1912.												Number remaining at the end of the year 1911-1912.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importations.				Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 10.	Cancelment under sections 11, 152 (1), 153(1), 154 and 200.	Cancelment for permanent unfitness under section 151.	Cancelment under section 149(c).	Suspended under section 129.	Effect of time, section 155.	Redemption, section 156.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having struck off as deserters.	Total added.																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	584	...	...	...	...	...	584	...	14	26	...	...	...	...	...	139	...	...	179	405	494	28·3
Sylhet	154	...	...	1	...	1	155	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	88	...	4	97	58	106	28·3
Total Surma Valley	738	...	...	1	...	1	739	1	17	27	...	...	...	...	...	227	...	4	276	463	600	28·3
Kamrup	44	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	34	10	27	111·1
Darrang	5,421	847	305	19	45	1,416	6,837	19	282	475	6	...	1	...	...	1,904	2	64	2,753	4,084	4,732	39·3
Nowgong	1,240	322	...	...	...	322	1,562	3	54	104	6	1	...	...	...	685	...	...	853	709	974	55·4
Sibsagar	5,437	844	62	51	16	973	6,410	103	338	698	7	...	7	...	...	1,782	2	122	3,059	3,351	4,392	76·9
Lakhimpur	7,988	1,734	97	94	35	1,960	9,948	174	370	579	9	...	12	...	...	3,133	...	9	4,286	5,662	6,825	54·2
Total Brahmaputra Valley ...	20,130	3,747	664	164	96	4,671	24,801	299	1,047	1,858	28	1	20	...	...	7,533	4	195	10,983	13,816	16,972	62·7
Total of 1911-1912	20,868	3,747	664	165	96	4,672	25,540	300	1,064	1,885	28	1	20	...	...	7,760	4	199	11,261	14,279	17,572	60·6
,, ,, 1910-1911	26,778	5,194	616	216	110	6,136	32,914	278	1,290	2,137	44	...	24	...	...	7,788	3	482	12,046	20,868	23,821	54·1

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden bastis, but not employed under Act VI of 1901, and coolie children.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1911-1912.		Total added.	Total of columns 2 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1911-1912.			Total deducted.	Number remaining at the end of the year 1911-1912.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
		Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.			Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge, or desertion during the year.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Cachar ... { Adults ...	76,160	3,520	3,410	6,930	83,090	2,177	3,005	5,262	78,328	77,484	28·1
Children ...	45,460	770	4,044	4,774	50,234	1,104	2,745	3,849	46,385	45,731	20·4
Sylhet ... { Adults ...	8,308	4,792	1,110	5,902	14,210	241	1,015	1,256	12,954	13,082	19·8
Children ...	6,260	2,423	5,309	7,732	13,992	1,006	3,757	4,763	9,229	10,241	15·7
Surma Valley { Adults ...	162,130	11,878	8,240	20,097	182,227	4,412	9,772	14,184	168,043	166,096	25·9
Children ...	111,760	3,203	9,443	12,646	124,406	2,213	6,902	9,115	115,291	113,474	17·7
Kamrup ... { Adults ...	6,435	152	764	916	7,351	52	376	428	6,923	6,885	21·8
Children ...	1,838	40	226	266	2,104	35	112	147	1,957	1,911	31·5
Darrang ... { Adults ...	5,126	6,126	6,078	13,204	18,330	1,150	5,649	6,799	11,531	12,028	34·0
Children ...	3,503	1,317	2,693	4,010	7,513	664	3,447	4,111	3,402	3,446	20·4
Nowgong ... { Adults ...	10,910	1,747	1,974	3,721	14,631	374	1,937	2,311	12,320	11,765	31·7
Children ...	6,640	320	524	844	7,484	121	923	1,044	6,440	6,890	17·5
Sibsagar ... { Adults ...	14,436	10,190	8,134	18,324	132,760	2,735	9,252	12,052	120,708	116,572	25·9
Children ...	72,400	3,613	6,275	9,888	82,288	1,539	5,472	6,971	75,317	76,227	18·3
Lakhimpur... { Adults ...	130,192	11,691	8,004	20,195	150,387	3,112	9,044	13,156	137,231	133,696	33·1
Children ...	73,331	3,830	6,121	9,951	83,282	1,823	5,417	7,240	76,042	74,786	24·4
Brahmaputra Valley. { Adults ...	280,719	29,606	26,474	56,080	336,799	8,842	28,649	37,491	299,308	289,033	30·5
Children ...	188,543	9,558	15,510	25,068	213,611	4,042	14,947	18,989	194,622	191,182	21·1
Total ... { Adults ...	442,869	41,494	34,683	76,177	519,046	13,454	38,021	52,075	466,971	454,029	29·6
Children ...	299,502	12,741	24,953	37,694	337,196	6,085	20,929	27,014	310,182	304,456	19·9
Total of 1911-1912 ...	742,371	54,235	59,636	113,871	856,242	19,539	59,559	79,089	777,153	758,485	25·7
Total of 1910-1911 ...	731,541	37,847	59,800	97,647	829,188	19,142	60,975	80,117	749,071	736,955	26·9

STATEMENT II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour Force.

Nationality.	Act.			Non-Act.			Total.			Percentage of 9 to column 10.	Percentage of 9 to total labour force.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	2,852	2,125	4,977	84,731	82,870	167,601	87,583	84,995	172,578	49·25	35·86
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	3,161	2,877	6,038	84,537	85,890	170,427	87,748	88,767	176,515	50·29	36·68
Central Provinces	1,607	1,137	2,744	33,675	33,142	66,817	35,282	34,279	69,561	49·28	14·45
Madras	268	211	479	21,591	17,194	38,785	21,859	17,405	39,264	44·33	8·16
Assam	26	5	31	14,657	7,158	21,815	14,683	7,663	21,346	35·89	4·48
Others*	9	1	10	1,380	396	1,776	1,389	397	1,786	22·23	·37
Total of 1911-1912 ...	7,923	6,356	14,279	240,021	226,950	466,971	247,944	233,506	481,450	45·48	100·00
„ „ 1910-1911 ...	11,222	9,646	20,868	224,752	218,117	442,869	235,974	227,763	463,737	49·11	100·00

* This includes figures for Bombay and Nepal.

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars.			Imported by contractors.			Total Act.			Total non-Act.			Total Act and non-Act.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	72	37	109	1,263	487	1,750	1,335	524	1,859	8,798	5,196	13,994	10,133	5,720	15,853
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	279	231	510	643	406	1,049	922	637	1,559	5,137	3,074	9,211	6,059	4,611	10,670
Central Provinces	10	6	16	631	211	842	641	217	858	3,115	2,159	5,274	3,756	2,376	6,132
Madras	12	17	29	59	25	84	71	42	113	6,800	4,280	11,080	6,871	4,322	11,193
Assam	...	...	...	11	1	12	11	1	12	647	47	694	658	48	706
Others*	...	...	...	9	1	10	9	1	10	1,133	268	1,401	1,142	269	1,411
Total of 1911-1912 ...	373	291	664	2,616	1,131	3,747	2,989	1,422	4,411	25,630	15,824	41,454	28,619	17,286	45,905
„ „ 1910-1911 ...	349	267	616	3,396	1,798	5,194	3,745	2,065	5,810	17,226	11,236	28,462	20,991	13,301	34,292

* This includes figures for Bombay and Nepal.

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act Labourers.

District.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.	Number of certificates produced on the medical examination of labourers.	Number of sardari coolies recruited.	Average number of recruits per sardar.	Number of contractors' coolies imported.	Total number of coolies imported under the Act.	*Number who contracted in recruiting districts. Under Chapter III.	Under Chapter IV.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cachar	898	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	2,158	1,114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Surma Valley	3,056	1,279	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	3,432	1,496	505	·14	847	1,352	847	505	1,352
Nowgong	566	315	...	...	322	322	322	...	322
Sibsagar	6,732	3,969	62	·009	844	906	844	62	906
Lakhimpur	6,828	4,388	97	·01	1,734	1,831	1,734	97	1,831
Total Brahmaputra Valley ...	17,588	10,188	664	·04	3,747	4,411	3,747	664	4,411
Total of 1911-1912	20,644	11,467	664	·03	3,747	4,411	3,747	664	4,411
,, ,, 1910-1911	16,122	9,540	616	·04	5,194	5,810	5,194	615	5,809

STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

District.	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number who passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts. Through want of a guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.	Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure. Buildings.	Establishments, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	192	306	...	...	16	851	...	...	423 7 8	423 7 8
Darrang	1	9,415	7,946	860	26	7	267	...	280 4 5	1,717 5 0	1,997 9 5
Nowgong	1	1,789	2,236	103	21	16	2,111	5	108 0 0	451 8 0	559 8 0
Sibsagar	4	14,807	8,647	1,313	40	36	7,258	...	1,896 6 2	2,637 5 5	4,533 11 7
Lakhimpur	1	17,352	8,204	1,982	37	9	5,008	1	405 0 0	1,125 0 0	1,530 0 0
Total of 1911-1912 ...	8	43,555	27,639	4,258	124	84	15,495	6	2,689 10 7	6,354 10 9	9,044 4 8
,, ,, 1910-1911 ...	8	34,467	21,905	3,172	121	31	8,746	...	2348 11 6	6,007 2 4	8,355 13 10

STATEMENT VI.—Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	...	7	6	1	...	...	7	16
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	5	32	12	...	19	6	31	36
Nowgong	4	5	7	...	...	2	7	11
Sibsagar	8	20	7	4	9	8	20	42
Lakhimpur	9	38(a)	19	2	18	7	40	96
Total of 1911-1912	26	102	51	7	46	23	105	201
„ „ 1910-1911	18	99	42	13	36	26	91	166

(a) This includes one case transferred to the Sibsagar district.

STATEMENT VII.—Repatriation of Labourers.

District.	Total number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated.				
		Under section 10 (section 10 or 11).	Under section 158 (section 158).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	16	...	...	1	3	4
Sylhet	2	...	...	...	2	2
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	11	5	1	...	4	10
Nowgong	9	5	...	...	2	7
Sibsagar	14	7	1	...	...	8
Lakhimpur	40	3	12	1	18	34
Total of 1911-1912	92	20	14	2	29	65
„ „ 1910-1911	76	39	21	...	14	74

District.	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but who were not repatriated.						Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport Operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
Cachar	1	10	...	1	...	12	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
Sibsagar	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	...	2	1	3	...	6	41 4 0	...	41 4 0
Total of 1911-1912	1	20	2	4	...	27	41 4 0	...	41 4 0
„ „ 1910-1911	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all Classes of Labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from								
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or *ankylostomiasis*.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total deaths.	Ratio per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar	Act ...	494	4	1	2	...	4	2	...	14	28·3
	Non-Act adults	77,484	309	137	396	182	269	354	530	2,177	28·1
	Children ...	49,231	98	105	215	189	54	73	277	1,004	20·4
	Total adults	77,978	313	138	399	182	273	356	530	2,191	28·1
Sylhet	Act ...	106	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	28·3
	Non-Act adults	87,502	268	289	493	244	261	359	530	2,435	27·8
	Children ...	64,243	93	112	206	249	49	60	240	1,009	15·7
	Total adults	87,608	269	290	493	244	261	359	531	2,438	27·8
Kamrup	Act ...	27	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	111·1
	Non-Act adults	2,385	2	6	6	10	12	...	16	52	21·8
	Children ...	1,111	3	5	7	12	3	...	5	35	31·5
	Total adults	2,412	2	6	6	10	15	...	16	55	22·8
Darrang	Act ...	4,752	24	17	81	4	48	46	62	282	59·3
	Non-Act adults	54,625	192	143	360	34	385	356	389	1,859	34·0
	Children ...	32,462	58	50	155	12	59	58	272	664	20·4
	Total adults	59,377	216	160	441	38	433	402	451	2,141	36·0
Nowgong	Act ...	974	...	5	26	9	5	2	7	54	55·4
	Non-Act adults	11,765	27	22	52	84	35	48	106	374	31·7
	Children ...	6,896	3	8	19	52	5	8	26	121	17·5
	Total adults	12,739	27	27	78	93	40	50	113	428	33·5
Sibsagar	Act ...	4,394	20	33	120	14	39	32	80	338	76·9
	Non-Act adults	107,522	203	249	638	167	441	246	851	2,795	25·9
	Children ...	76,227	30	135	353	238	132	70	441	1,399	18·3
	Total adults	111,916	223	282	758	181	480	278	931	3,133	27·9
Lakhimpur	Act ...	6,825	16	16	108	19	82	59	70	370	54·2
	Non-Act adults	113,636	268	389	682	208	672	804	842	3,762	33·1
	Children ...	74,586	97	140	326	288	144	255	593	1,823	24·4
	Total adults	120,461	301	405	730	227	694	863	912	4,132	34·3
Grand Total	Act ...	17,572	65	73	338	46	181	141	220	1,064	60·6
	Non-Act adults	454,919	1,286	1,335	2,867	929	2,015	2,158	3,264	13,454	29·6
	Children ...	304,856	382	555	1,281	1,040	446	503	1,848	6,055	19·9
	Total adults	472,491	1,351	1,408	3,205	975	2,196	2,299	3,484	14,518	30·7
	Total Labour force ...	777,347	1,733	1,963	4,486	2,015	2,642	2,802	5,332	20,573	26·5

STATEMENT IX.—*Offences committed by Tea-garden Coolies and by Tea Planters.*

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or wilful breach of contract to return or reëngagement.	Violence, intimidation, or other offence to compel reëngagement.	Applications for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract (by absence, desertion, etc.).	For failure of garden sardars to return to duty.	For enticing coolies.	Unlawful assembly or rioting.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	4	5	433	38	1,095	13	12	10	5	2
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	...	...	17	8	101	3	...	...	...	...
Total	4	5	450	61	1,196	16	12	10	5	2
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	2	2	5	2	...	...	...	9	4	2
Against complainant	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	2	...
Number of persons fined	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...[1]	2
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	10	...
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	15	2	73	2	5	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	84	2	125	13	6	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	87	...	5	...	...	...
Number dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	81	2	398	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	53	17	537	...	...	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	903	...	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with executively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	175	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	123	24	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT X.—Statement of Desertions among Adult Labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivision.	Number of desertions.	Percentage of desertions on mean strength.	Number of warrants issued for the arrest of deserters.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar — Sadr	13	3·54	...	...	...	...
Cachar — Hailakandi	13	10·23	...	...	...	...
Sylhet — North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet — Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet — South Sylhet	1	2·56	...	...	...	...
Sylhet — Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup — Sadr	2	7·40	...	...	...	...
Darrang — Sadr	326	7·8	50	93	88	12
Darrang — Mangaldai	149	24·1	22	22	22	5
Nowgong — Sadr	104	10·67	19	10	7	4
Sibsagar — Sadr	266	19·48	19	3	3	3
Sibsagar — Sibsagar	306	14·40	15	3	3	2
Sibsagar — Golaghat	126	13·93	12	8	...	...
Lakhimpur — Sadr	512	8·41	62	99	25	...
Lakhimpur — North Lakhimpur	67	9·01	3	1	1	1
Total of 1911-1912	1,885	10·72	202	99	79	27
" " 1910-1911	2,137	8·97	271	129	116	53

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing labour.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Number not inspected in the previous year.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Specially selected for annual inspection.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year: Total.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Of those entered in column 4.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Of those entered in column 5.	Number of gardens inspected during the year: Total.	Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cachar ...	18	97	56	12	68	55	12	67	67	...	33	19	...	15	67	115
Sylhet ...	28	108	42	29	71	39	28	67	65	2	9	56	4	...	69	128
Kamrup ...	2	15	...	3	3	...	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	15
Darrang ...	54	99	40	16	56	40	14	54	47	7	30	22	19	...	61	73
Nowgong ...	23	10	15	2	17	15	2	17	17	...	9	...	8	...	17	34
Sibsagar ...	88	54	58	38	96	58	38	96	86	10	22	68	16	...	106	242
Lakhimpur ...	103	30	49	27	76	49	27	76	73	3	29	25	9	16	79	133
Total of 1911-1912 ...	306	343	260	127	387	256	124	380	358	22	135	180	56	31	402	640

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and Collection of Capitation Fees under Section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

District.	Demand for the year.		Arrears from previous year outstanding.	Gross demand.	Total realised.	Balance outstanding.
	Number of labourers for whom fee is payable.*	Total demand.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Darrang	8,626	2,156 8 0	0 2 0	2,156 10 0	2,175 0 0	5 0 0
Nowgong	2,246	561 8 0	18 8 0	580 0 0	580 0 0	...
Sibsagar	8,237	2,059 4 0	55 12 0	2,115 0 0	2,078 0 0(a)	41 12 0
Lakhimpur	13,771	3,442 12 0	2,158 12 0	5,601 8 0	4,078 12 0	1,522 12 0
Total	32,880	8,220 0 0	2,233 2 0	10,453 2 0	8,911 12 0	1,569 8 0

* The figures in this column represent the number of coolies on which the fee for the half-year was payable.

(a) Includes excess payment of Rs. 4 12 0

(b) " " " Rs. 23 6 0

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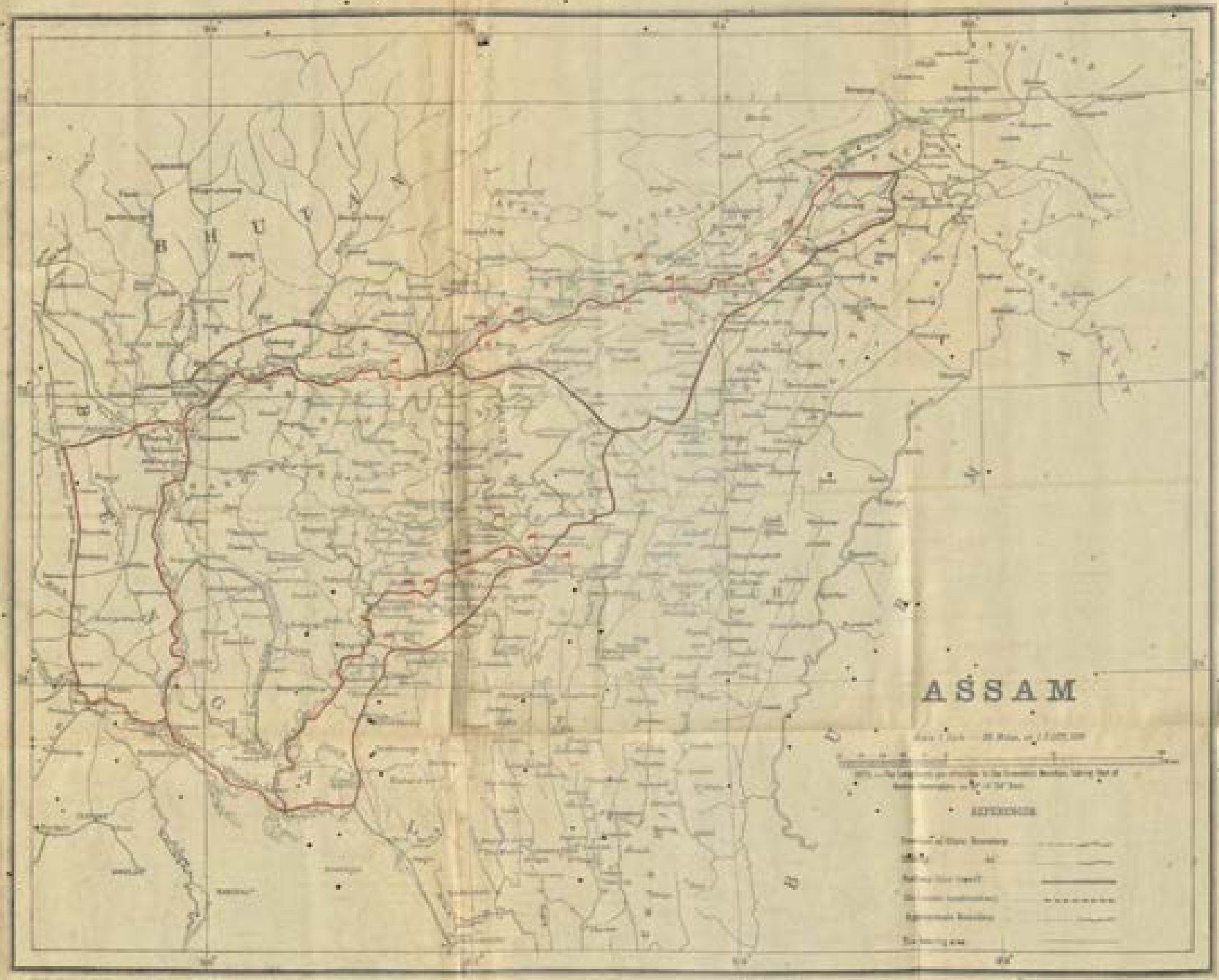
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Resolution on Immigrant Labour in Assam for the year 1913-14.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Assam in the General Department, No. 6804G., dated the 11th November 1914.

READ—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

THIS Resolution deals with the labour force imported for employment on the tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal-mines and in certain saw-mills. The labour employed on railways is excluded and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

2. There was a slight decrease in the number of immigrants as compared with the high figures of the previous year. Mortality during transit remained low and the health of the tea-garden population was good.

3. The Government of India decided in October 1913 to withdraw the labour districts provisions of Act VI of 1901 from the four upper districts of the Brahmaputra Valley, with effect from the 1st July 1914, and to place those districts in the same position as regards the labour force as the other labour districts of the province. To meet the new situation, a Bill to prevent the enticement of labour was drawn up in consultation with the Tea Industry, and pending its consideration, the withdrawal of the labour districts provisions of Act VI was deferred. Intimation has, however, recently been received that the Secretary of State is unable to accept the principles of the Bill. The orders of the Government of India as to the date from which the labour districts provisions of Act VI will now be withdrawn have not yet been received.

4. The Government of Bengal found themselves unable to recommend to the Darbar of Hill Tippera the procedure suggested by this Administration for the execution of warrants under Act XIII of 1859 issued by British Courts for the recovery of coolies absconding from the tea gardens of Sylhet district into Hill Tippera. The former procedure, therefore, for lack of anything better, remains in force.

5. During the year under review the railway route *vid Amingaon* was prescribed as a route by which coolies emigrating to Assam may travel. With the approval of the Government of Bengal the supervision of the sanitary arrangements for coolies travelling on the Eastern Bengal State Railway from Sarughat to Amingaon has been entrusted to the Sanitary officers of this province.

Strength and distribution of the labour force.

6. At the close of the year the total strength of the labour force was 846,569, representing an increase of 24,834 during the year. Free labour continued to displace indentured labour, and at the end of the year the number of labourers under Act VI contract amounted to 9,995 which represents only 1·9 per cent. of the total number of adult labourers. Of the total labour force 64·72 per cent. was employed in the Assam Valley and 35·28 per cent. in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

7. There was again very little change in the distribution of the labour population according to nationality and sex. Of the adults 73 per cent. were natives of Chota Nagpur, the Santhal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal. The proportion of women was 42·99 per cent. of Act labourers and 48·42 per cent. of non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 39·27 of the total strength.

Acreage under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

8. The area under tea cultivation rose from 360,964 to 366,842 acres. A slight increase took place in the number of adults employed per acre, the district average varying from 1·04 in Kamrup to 1·68 in Lakhimpur. These figures take no account of local labour available from outside the gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration.

9. Statistics of immigration into the province during the past five years are given in the following table :—

Class of labourers	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Act — Sardari adults ...	515	616	664	773	946
Act — Contractors' adults ...	4,944	5,194	3,747	2,565	2,830
Non-Act adults	23,988	28,482	41,494	42,901	42,078
Total of Act and non-Act adults ...	29,397	34,292	45,905	46,239	45,849
Children	9,935	9,365	12,741	13,634	13,020
Grand total	39,332	43,657	58,646	59,873	58,369

The steady increase in the number of immigrants, which had occurred from 1909-1910, was not maintained, but the decrease as compared with the high figures of 1912-1913 was not considerable.

There was a substantial increase in immigration from the plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal, and from the Central Provinces, the rise in the latter case being due to the unfavourable nature of the season there experienced. Recruitment from Madras decreased by more than half, and there was a fall also in arrivals from Chota Nagpur and the Santhal Parganas.

Mortality during transit.

10. The health of the coolies in transit was again good. The number of deaths was, as in the preceding year, 32, the majority of them being due to cholera.

Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

11. The number of complaints of fraudulent and irregular recruitment decreased from 120 to 101. Forty-six cases were found on investigation to be true.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

12. The number of coolies executing contracts in the recruiting districts increased from 3,338 to 3,776. Contracts are reported to have been executed by 46 coolies recruited for Sylhet district. As the law stands, none of these contracts should have been executed, as labour contracts are now ineffective in the district of Sylhet. Steps are being taken to obtain particulars of all these 46 contracts, and, if necessary, the Local Government concerned will be addressed in the matter.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

13. The number of contracts cancelled by the efflux of time was 2,749. These were regularly reported in all districts except Sibsagar, where a circular letter was issued to the Managers asking them to report the expiries regularly in future. Five hundred and fifty-two contracts were dissolved by mutual consent against 168 in the preceding year. Cachar and Lakhimpur are responsible for this large increase. In the former district 240 contracts were dissolved by mutual consent with a view to renewal under Act XIII of 1859. Six contracts were cancelled under section 131 for permanent unfitness and 8 under section 10 for irregular recruitment.

Repatriation.

14. The option of repatriation was given to 154 coolies and was accepted by 142.

15. Act XIII of 1859 continued to be largely used and is again reported to have worked well on the whole. Agreements under the Act are largely executed by labourers whose contracts under Act VI have expired, as well as by free labourers when they reach the gardens. Such labourers are usually given all the privileges which contracts under Act VI. require. A tendency to place newly-imported coolies under Act XIII agreements for three years on the strength of a nominal advance, with the idea of recovering the cost of recruitment, is reported from some gardens in Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, reports that he has taken steps to discourage the practice, and the Chief Commissioner agrees that the practice is undesirable and should be stopped.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

16. The following statement gives the average monthly wages of Act labourer calculated on the earnings of the months of March and September :—

Wages of Act labourers.

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1913 and March 1914 of monthly cash wage, including *rices*, diet, rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on the books.		Of average daily working strength.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	*	*	*	*
Hailakandi	*	*	*	*
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	6 8 0	4 7 0	7 10 10	4 14 1
South Sylhet	5 5 4	...	7 1 9	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...
Kamrup Sadr	1 4 0	...	1 4 0	...
Darrang Sadr	4 12 9	5 5 9	6 6 10	7 1 1
Mangaldai	5 8 8	4 13 1	7 9 10	6 98
Nowgong	5 0 11	5 0 1	6 11 2	6 6 1
Jorhat	5 3 0	4 4 8	6 1 0	5 2 11
Sibsagar	5 2 8	4 9 9	6 14 3	6 0 6
Golaghat	5 7 3	5 1 4	6 7 7	5 13 11
Lakhimpur Sadr	6 8 8	5 13 5	7 15 0	7 3 5
North Lakhimpur	5 4 5	4 8 7	7 2 4	6 4 6
Average for 1913-14*	5 11 5	5 5 9	7 3 7	6 13 11
Ditto 1912-13	5 11 2	5 1 6	7 2 5	6 8 6

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total average daily working strength (column 4 of form No. 27) during the same months.

The upward tendency of earnings was maintained. The tea-garden cooly is, of course, able to supplement his earnings on the garden by private cultivation and gets other privileges such as free fuel and grazing which add largely to the amount of his nominal income.

In paragraph 17 of the last year's Resolution statistics were given of money orders remitted by tea-garden coolies and *ex*-tea-garden coolies for a fortnight in the month of August 1913. With the assistance of the postal authorities the collection of the statistics was continued for a fortnight in the months of November, February and March. It was found that for the period of six weeks referred to above, tea-garden labourers remitted an aggregate sum of Rs. 11,173, while *ex*-tea-garden coolies remitted Rs. 10 174. From the figures thus obtained it would appear that tea-garden coolies and *ex*-tea-garden coolies remitted about Rs. 97,000 and Rs. 88,000, respectively, to their homes in the course of twelve months. As was explained in last year's

Resolution, the majority of coolies in Assam set aside their savings with the object of taking up land and settling permanently in the province.

Wages of non-Act coolies.

17. The average earnings of non-Act coolies are shown below :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1913 and March 1914 of monthly cash wage, including *tiaca*, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.					
	Of total number on the book.			Of average daily working strength.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 7 11	4 1 2	2 6 10	7 0 4	5 12 4	3 8 2
Hailakandi	5 0 11	3 12 5	2 1 8	6 13 11	5 12 1	3 10 7
North Sylhet	5 6 8	3 8 4	2 9 2	7 0 0	5 0 7	3 4 6
Karimganj	4 14 2	3 12 4	2 10 5	6 14 4	5 6 7	3 14 4
South Sylhet	5 10 5	4 3 3	2 6 2	7 4 2	5 9 10	3 3 7
Habiganj	5 8 6	4 3 8	2 10 8	7 6 11	6 1 7	4 1 3
Kamrup Sadr	4 15 4	3 13 11	2 1 0	6 3 8	6 6 6	3 8 11
Darrang Sadr	5 12 11	4 15 9	2 13 11	7 4 9	6 7 11	3 12 6
Mangaldai	6 9 6	4 7 5	2 6 7	8 10 4	6 0 8	3 6 8
Nowgong	5 15 1	5 0 0	3 0 3	8 1 8	7 5 11	4 3 4
Jorhat	5 8 8	4 6 10	2 15 9	8 7 7	6 14 2	3 11 7
Sibsagar	5 15 10	4 15 11	2 13 3	8 2 0	6 12 4	3 10 8
Golaghat	5 9 6	4 7 1	2 15 7	7 0 3	5 14 3	3 13 6
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 7 5	5 12 7	3 7 10	9 8 2	7 5 4	4 5 5
North Lakhimpur	5 11 9	4 12 4	2 9 3	7 14 6	6 13 9	3 10 9
Average for 1913-1914* ...	6 1 3	4 11 5	2 13 7	8 0 3	6 5 10	3 13 2
,, 1912-1913 ...	5 15 0	4 9 5	2 13 1	7 11 5	6 6 1	3 14 7

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total of average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) during the months.

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth-rate.

18. The recorded birth-rate was 25·5 per mille calculated on the total strength of the coolie population, and 86·6 per mille on the adult female population, the figures of the preceding year being 27·6 and 93·5.

District.	Number of births.	Birth-rate per mille on	
		Total coolie population.	Adult female population.
1	2	3	4
Cachar	3,517	27·0	89·2
Sylhet	4,176	24·9	85·6
Kamrup	122	20·4	92·8
Darrang	2,110	21·6	72·5
Nowgong	282	13·3	42·6
Sibsagar	5,731	27·8	98·8
Lakhimpur	5,396	25·5	87·3
Total for 1913-1914	21,254	25·5	86·6
,, 1912-1913	22,247	27·6	93·5

The districts of Sibsagar and Kamrup reported the highest rates. The recorded birth rate for the whole province was 33·06 per mille of the total population and 164·91 per mille of the total adult female population. The difference between the recorded rates for the province and for the tea gardens is constant and very difficult to account for.

Death-rate. Statement VIII.

19. For the total labour force the registered rate of mortality was the same as in 1912-13, *viz.*, 24·7 per mille, the number of deaths being 20,577 against 19,947. The rate among adults was 28·2 as against 28·3 in the preceding year. The highest death-rate (33·3) was recorded in Nowgong and the lowest (23·5) in Kamrup. As in previous years, the mortality was greater among Act labourers than among non-Act coolies.

An enquiry was made by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner in the course of last cold weather into the conditions producing a high death-rate from dysentery and diarrhœa in tea estates and the means by which the Sanitary Department could be brought into closer relation with the tea industry. The report submitted is now under the consideration of the Chief Commissioner who is consulting the Indian Tea Association and its Assam and Surma Valley Branches as to the feasibility of the measures proposed.

Mortality according to nationality.

20. The following statement compares the death-rate among coolies from the several recruiting areas. The Madras rate was again the highest though there was a small decrease compared with last year's figures :—

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal ...	Men ...	183,538	2,676	28·95
	Women ...		2,638	
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas ...	Men ...	184,820	2,337	24·70
	Women ...		2,229	
Central Provinces	Men ...	73,054	1,172	30·75
	Women ...		1,044	
Madras	Men ...	42,412	961	41·63
	Women ...		813	
Assam	Men ...	32,908	149	16·46
	Women ...		228	
Others	Men ...	2,156	59	33·39
	Women ...		13	
Total ...	Men ...	269,524	7,254	27·63
	Women ...	245,363	7,065	28·79
Grand total ...	.....	507,887	14,319	28·19

21. The mean strength of the total Act labour force and the number of deaths from the chief diseases are shown in the marginal statement. Dysentery, anæmia and respiratory diseases accounted for more than half the total number of deaths.

Mortality among Act labourers from principal diseases.	1913-13.	1913-14.
Mean strength	12,821	10,678
Deaths from—		
Cholera	34	22
Diarrhœa	56	50
Dysentery	224	163
Malarial fever	14	34
Anæmia	160	113
Respiratory diseases ...	74	83
Other causes	130	153
Total ...	692	618

CHAPTER V.

UNHEALTHY GARDENS.

22. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality, either of the total garden population, or among Act or non-Act coolies taken separately, exceeds 7 per cent., and the total number of deaths is not less than 10. During the year under review the number of gardens on the unhealthy list increased from 9 to 10. Three of these gardens are in Lakhimpur, five in Sibsagar and two in Darrang. Three of these gardens have been on the unhealthy list for two years in succession.

District.	Unhealthy in respect of	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per mille.	Cause of deaths.						
						Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Absence of shelter or cold by exposure.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Darrang	Act population	1. Sessa	193	21	109·3	6	1	6	1	5	4	1
	Non-Act ,,	2. Halem	363	33	90·9	1	6	8	1	3	4	11
Sibsagar	Act population	3. Mutharapur	153	16	96·0	...	3	1	1	1	3	7
	Ditto	4. Jobokia	200	28	140·0	...	9	6	...	4	3	11
	Ditto	5. Sapekati	135	15	120·0	...	3	4	...	5	3	1
	Total population	6. Diffloo	951	48	85·5	1	6	20	6	4	7	3
	Ditto	7. Deering	333	37	114·5	3	1	16	7	2	8	1
Lakhimpur	Act population	8. Namdang tea estate	207	20	101·0	...	...	12	...	4	6	8
	Ditto	9. Koomsang	214	23	107·4	...	1	7	6	...	10	2
	Ditto	10. Lodo colliery	180	28	152·2	...	...	15	1	1	7	2

CHAPTER VI.

OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS.

23. Eight complaints of ill-treatment were made by coolies against their employers during the year. In two instances the complaints were found to be true and six cases were dismissed. Applications for discharge certificates were filed in 457 cases and were successful in 262 cases. Managers instituted 1,271 cases under Act XIII of 1859. Of these 370 were decided in favour of the complainants, while 822 were dismissed. In many cases the failure was due to the inability of the complainant to discover the whereabouts of the accused. One hundred and eleven coolies were sent to prison.

Complaints by coolies and by Managers.

Eleven cases of rioting or unlawful assembly and five charges of assault were instituted by Managers. The most serious cases were :—

(1) An attack by certain coolies on the Assistant Manager of the Daloogram tea estate in the district of Cachar.

(2) An attack on the Manager of the Hatikuri tea estate in the district of Cachar.

(3) An attack on the Officiating Manager of the Monai tea estate in the district of Darrang.

(4) An attack on the Manager, Assistant Manager and Indian doctor of the Missamara tea garden in the district of Sibsagar.

On the whole the relations between employers and employed were good. Most Managers realise that, apart from considerations of humanity, it is in their interest to treat their coolies well and the combination of humane feelings and self-interest tends to produce happy results.

24. The number of desertions of Act VI labourers reported was 1,273. Warrants were issued in 82 cases, arrests being effected in 19. Of 19 coolies who were convicted, 17 were sentenced to imprisonment.

Desertions of Act VI labourers.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inspection.

25. There were 744 tea gardens at the close of the year. Seven new gardens (four in Lakhimpur, one in Sibsagar and two in Darrang) were opened and one garden in Lakhimpur was abandoned. In Cachar four, and in Lakhimpur three gardens were amalgamated with the parent estates. The number of gardens liable to inspection during the year was 373, and of these 371 were inspected.

Capitation fees.

26. Capitation fees fell from Rs. 6,130 in 1912-13 to Rs. 5,395 in the year under review.

Relations between planters and neighbouring villagers.

27. The relations between planters and the neighbouring villagers are reported to have been generally good.

Colonisation by ex-tea-garden coolies.

28. At the close of the year under review the area of Government land settled direct with time-expired coolies was 197,437 acres against 196,234 acres in the preceding year. In the Lakhimpur district 6,557 acres of Government land were settled with planters on special terms to enable them to provide their coolies with cultivation.

These figures do not include the large areas held by *ex*-coolies as sub-tenants. Sub-tenancies are not ordinarily recorded in Assam, but steps have been taken for the collection of approximate figures showing the amount of land cultivated by *ex*-tea garden coolies who are not themselves patta-holders, and the information will be included in the Land Revenue Report.

Inland Labour Transport operations.

29. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 8,976 and disbursements to Rs. 39,974.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

A. W. BOTHAM,

Second Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—*Statistics of the Adult coolies employed under Act VI of* 1901 *on the Tea Estates in the Province of Assam during the year* 1913-14.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1913-14.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1913-14.												Number remaining at the end of the year 1913-14.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importations.		Total added.		Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 10.	Cancelment under sections 11, 12(2), 13(1), 15 and 20(c).	Cancelment for permanent unfitness, section 11(1).	Cancelment under section 14(c).	Suspended under section 139.	Effux of time, section 155.	Redemption, section 156.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having been struck off as deserters.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	295	...	...	...	...	...	295	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	240	295	...	147	...
Sylhet	6	46	...	...	...	46	52	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	7	45	25	40·0
Total, Surma Valley ...	301	46	...	...	...	46	347	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	2	240	302	45	172	5·8
Kamrup	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	1	...
Darrang	3,696	537	356	21	5	1,139	4,835	21	172	330	4	...	3	...	...	321	...	71	1,422	3,413	3,554	48·3
Nowgong	537	205	...	8	...	213	850	8	47	87	...	...	...	...	...	103	...	...	245	605	571	89·3
Sibsagar	2,610	500	238	3	57	908	3,518	3	173	402	...	...	3	...	...	660	...	62	1,303	2,215	2,412	71·7
Lakhimpur	4,219	1,282	103	53	6	1,523	5,742	60	225	454	4	...	...	...	...	1,103	...	179	2,025	3,717	3,968	56·7
Total, Brahmaputra Valley ...	11,075	2,784	946	85	68	3,881	14,948	92	617	1,273	8	...	6	...	...	2,590	...	312	4,998	9,950	10,006	58·7
Total of 1912-14	11,966	2,830	946	85	68	3,929	15,895	92	618	1,273	8	...	6	...	...	2,749	2	552	5,300	9,995	10,073	57·8
,, 1911-13	14,377	2,765	771	100	42	3,488	17,765	114	632	1,186	20	...	13	...	...	4,159	47	168	6,299	11,466	12,921	54·0

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the Adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden bastis, but not employed under Act VI of 1901, and coolie children.

District.		Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1913-1914.			Total of columns 2 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1913-1914.			Number remaining at the end of the year 1913-1914.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
			Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.	Total added.		Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge or desertion during the year.	Total deducted.			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar	Adults	79,331	3,946	3,824	7,770	87,101	2,060	4,922	6,982	80,119	79,735	25·8
	Children	49,061	924	4,241	5,165	54,226	1,014	2,614	3,628	51,198	50,629	20·1
Sylhet	Adults	98,401	7,714	5,203	12,917	106,318	2,034	6,526	9,770	96,548	94,975	20·6
	Children	66,991	2,023	5,317	7,340	75,010	1,109	3,801	4,910	70,750	69,455	15·9
Surma Valley	Adults	177,732	11,660	9,027	20,687	198,479	4,994	11,788	16,782	176,727	174,900	28·6
	Children	117,965	2,986	9,858	12,284	130,438	2,123	6,415	8,538	121,896	119,824	17·7
Kamrup	Adults	2,954	162	474	636	3,700	71	659	730	2,970	3,017	23·5
	Children	1,175	29	271	340	1,515	48	296	344	1,171	1,122	42·7
Darrang	Adults	69,679	5,914	5,563	11,777	71,456	1,934	9,475	11,409	60,047	59,863	32·3
	Children	33,364	2,067	3,832	4,899	38,263	958	2,745	3,403	34,860	34,198	19·2
Nowgong	Adults	13,095	1,477	808	2,285	15,380	613	1,690	2,102	13,278	13,196	31·3
	Children	7,243	424	323	747	7,989	145	462	547	7,442	7,343	19·7
Sibsagar	Adults	137,339	10,453	6,919	17,372	154,731	3,810	10,162	13,172	141,558	119,458	25·5
	Children	83,925	5,630	6,590	12,220	96,145	1,886	5,159	6,984	89,211	83,778	18·2
Lakhimpur	Adults	124,319	12,407	6,933	19,340	143,659	3,260	10,770	14,030	129,649	126,928	25·6
	Children	78,503	3,954	6,324	10,278	88,780	1,748	5,152	6,900	81,880	79,991	21·5
Brahmapu tra Valley.	Adults	317,507	29,413	20,917	51,330	368,837	8,707	33,737	41,444	327,393	323,449	27·0
	Children	202,138	10,004	16,230	26,234	228,423	4,135	13,751	17,886	210,536	206,537	20·0
Total	Adults	490,220	42,073	29,914	72,017	562,316	13,761	44,405	58,166	504,150	497,309	27·5
	Children	320,079	13,030	25,786	38,906	358,978	6,234	20,166	26,434	332,434	326,261	19·1
Total of 1913-14		810,299	55,103	55,733	110,923	921,194	19,995	64,661	84,600	836,584	823,470	24·3
" " 1912-13		777,183	56,535	61,940	118,475	895,658	19,265	66,994	85,259	810,399	779,774	24·3

Statement II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour force.

Nationality.	Act.			Non-Act.			Total.			Percentage of column 9 to column 10.	Percentage of column 9 on total labour force.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	1,886	1,416	3,302	94,671	88,796	183,467	96,557	90,212	186,769	48·30	36·33
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas.	2,201	1,587	4,088	91,468	91,439	182,907	93,669	93,026	186,695	49·80	36·26
Central Provinces ...	1,257	715	1,972	36,387	35,445	71,832	37,644	36,160	73,804	49·19	14·30
Madras	330	274	604	22,363	19,083	41,447	22,696	19,356	42,051	46·03	8·18
Assam	13	3	16	13,947	8,993	22,940	13,960	8,976	22,936	39·13	4·46
Others*	11	2	13	1,447	439	1,886	1,458	441	1,899	23·21	·36
Total of 1913-14 ...	5,698	4,297	9,995	260,035	244,115	504,150	265,703	248,415	514,118	48·31	100·00
" " 1912-13 ...	6,332	5,054	11,386	283,013	227,386	490,399	289,345	232,440	521,785	48·30	100·00

* This includes figures for Bombay, Nepal and China.

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited.

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars.			Imported by contractors.			Total Act.			Total non-Act.			Total Act and non-Act.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal	110	76	186	693	330	1,023	792	456	1,248	10,622	5,475	17,097	11,414	6,931	18,345
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	344	234	578	375	219	594	719	513	1,232	7,210	6,220	13,430	7,929	5,733	13,662
Central Provinces ...	32	22	54	631	270	901	663	292	955	6,317	3,142	9,259	6,980	3,464	10,214
Madras ...	68	50	68	191	110	301	259	160	349	1,740	1,113	2,853	1,999	1,253	3,252
Assam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222	11	233	222	11	233
Others* ...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1	2	894	107	1,101	998	108	1,103
Total of 1913-14 ...	624	422	946	1,896	929	2,821	2,494	1,372	3,776	26,005	16,068	42,073	28,499	17,450	45,849
„ „ 1912-13 ...	459	314	773	1,606	899	2,505	2,135	1,213	3,338	20,253	15,618	42,501	23,376	17,861	46,339

* This includes figures for Bombay, Nepal and China.

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act labourers.

District.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.	Number of certificates providing for the medical examination of labourers.	Number of sardari coolies recruited.	Average number of recruits per sardar.	Number of contractors' coolies imported.	Total number of coolies imported under the Act.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts.		
							Under Chapter III.	Under Chapter IV.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sylhet	3,199	1,254	...	...	46	46	46	...	46
Darrang	4,918	1,570	586	·11	527	1,113	527	586	1,113
Nowgong	925	159	...	...	305	305	305	...	305
Sibsagar	7,871	4,203	258	·03	590	848	590	258	848
Lakhimpur	8,713	4,815	102	·01	1,362	1,464	1,362	102	1,464
Total of 1913-14	25,626	11,701	946	·04	2,830	3,776	2,830	946	3,776
„ „ 1912-13	21,384	12,900	773	·04	2,565	3,338	2,565	773	3,338

STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

District.	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number who passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts.				Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure.		
				Through want of a guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.		Buildings.	Establishment, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	791	1,286	8	6	2	1,267	3	.....	672 11 6	672 11 6
Darrang	1	2,004	(1,151 a)	110	46	211	1,199	...	210 0 0	1,521 5 5	1,731 5 5
Nowgong	1	2,006	2,933(b)	177	13	...	2,653	...	71 0 0	453 0 0	524 0 0
Sibsagar	4	14,921	6,119(c)	1,064	30	13	4,668	...	1,600 0 0	2,896 0 0	4,496 0 0
Lakhimpur	1	17,525	4,471	1,293	14	...	2,933	...	1,202 15 2	1,218 10 8	2,421 9 10
Total of 1913-14 ...	8	14,227	27,469	2,562	109	226	12,410	3	3,083 15 2	6,721 11 7	9,805 10 9
„ „ 1912-13 ...	8	43,533	24,304	3,860	146	169	13,199	2	2,702 4 1	7,087 15 7	9,790 3 8

(a) Of these 3,127 are garden sardars.

(b) Includes sardars and dependants imported for gardens in Golaghat subdivision bordering Nowgong district.

(c) Includes 1,905 immigrants who passed through the depôts to the tea gardens in the district of Lakhimpur.

STATEMENT VI.—Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	2	7	6	...	1	2	7	15
Sylhet	2	5	4	1	1	1	6	17
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	7	14	16	...	5	...	21	60
Nowgong	...	28	3	1	...	1	4	20
Sibsagar	4	30	7	11	13	3	31	87
Lakhimpur	5	40	10	...	26	9	36	97
Total of 1913-14	20	101	46	13	46	16*	105	257
„ „ 1912-13	23	120	46	12	65	20	123	313

* Includes 2 cases of sibsagar district.

STATEMENT VII.—Repatriation of Labourers.

	Number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated				
		Under section 13 (section 15 of 11).	Under section 133 (section 134).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	19	...	...	4	15	19
Sylhet	18	...	...	...	14	14
Kamrup	32	...	...	...	32	32
Darrang	35	4	...	...	27	31
Nowgong	20*	...	...	2	17	19
Sibsagar	11	...	...	...	8	8
Lakhimpur	29	4	5	...	11	20
Total of 1913-14	154	8	5	6	123	147
„ „ 1912-13	326	19	9	206	83	317

	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but who were not repatriated.					Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60 0 0	60 0 0
Sylhet	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	1	...	...	...	1	94 0 0	...	94 0 0
Sibsagar	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 15 0	11 15 0
Total of 1913-14	...	11	...	1	...	12	94 0 0	71 15 0	165 15 0
„ 1912-13	...	4	1	2	2	9	3,780 3 3	...	3,780 3 3

*Includes 13 emigrants of Sibsagar district.

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all classes of labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from								
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malari fever	Ammia of cardiac or cerebral origin.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total deaths.	Ratio per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Act	147	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	70,785	3·7	147	339	181	278	253	553	2,000	28·3
	Children ...	50,729	1·2	9·1	1·8	219	6·1	67	263	1,014	20·1
	Total adults ...	70,932	3·7	147	3·9	83	278	253	553	2,000	28·2
Sylhet ...	Act	25	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	40·0
	Non-Act adults ...	94,975	4·8	270	537	816	365	319	689	2,934	30·8
	Children ...	69,195	10·2	18	1·0	102	70	120	278	1,109	15·9
	Total adults ...	95,000	4·8	270	538	816	365	319	689	2,935	30·8
Kamrup ...	Act	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	3,017	...	3	17	31	9	...	11	71	23·5
	Children ...	1,173	...	...	3	31	...	...	14	48	40·7
	Total adults ...	3,018	...	3	17	31	9	...	11	71	23·5
Darrang ...	Act	3,754	11	11	34	13	51	11	41	172	45·8
	Non-Act adults ...	59,863	17	140	384	33	411	297	467	1,804	32·3
	Children ...	34,108	19	47	132	11	57	59	333	658	19·2
	Total adults ...	63,417	28	151	417	52	462	308	503	2,106	33·2
Nowgong ...	Act	571	1	7	16	6	2	2	13	47	82·3
	Non-Act adults ...	13,184	6	28	83	40	27	84	139	412	31·2
	Children ...	7,242	3	12	51	7	13	36	23	145	19·7
	Total adults ...	13,757	7	35	104	46	29	86	152	459	33·3
Sibsagar ...	Act	2,412	7	17	30	6	24	22	47	173	71·7
	Non-Act adults ...	119,458	229	294	705	167	543	454	638	3,030	25·3
	Children ...	83,773	51	150	325	320	152	181	348	1,536	18·3
	Total adults ...	121,870	236	311	735	173	567	476	685	3,203	26·2
Lakhimpur ...	Act	73,903	3	15	62	9	36	48	52	225	56·7
	Non-Act adults ...	126,975	77	293	537	192	479	705	986	3,269	25·6
	Children ...	79,391	6	128	269	27·3	125	270	686	1,748	21·8
	Total adults ...	130,893	80	308	599	201	506	753	1,038	3,485	26·6
Grand total...	Act	10,678	22	50	163	34	113	83	153	618	57·8
	Non-Act adults ...	467,799	1,254	1,175	2,606	969	2,103	2,112	3,483	17,701	37·5
	Children ...	326,261	303	523	1,148	1,172	480	7·3	1,894	6,228	19·1
	Total adults ...	507,897	1,276	1,225	2,769	1,002	2,716	2,195	3,636	14,319	28·2
	Total Labour force...	834,148	1,579	1,753	3,917	2,174	2,096	2,928	5,530	29,577	24·7

STATEMENT IX.—*Offences committed by tea-garden coolies and by tea planters.*

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment with a view to re-engagement.	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment, in order to cause prosecution.	Application for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract (by absence, desertion, etc.).	For failure of garden Sardars to return to duty.	For enticing coolies.	Unlawful assembly or rioting.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	8	...	441	65	1,264	76	1	11	8	4
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	...	...	16	4	139	11	...	...	...	...
Total	8	...	457	69	1,403	87	1	11	8	4
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	3
Against complainant	6	...	1	4	...	...	...	1	...	1
Number of persons fined	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	4	1
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	9	...	23	9	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	5	2	42	19	1	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	17	7	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	110	2	270	1	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	71	2	222	6	...	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	111	1	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with correctively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	137	23	6	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	104	35	2	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT X.—Statement of desertions among adult labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivision.		Average number of desertions.	Average daily strength.	Number of desertions reported for the whole district.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
	South Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	Sadr	2·2	8·2	33	4	4	3
	Mangaldai	4·1	9·9	1	...	...	...
Nowgong	Sadr	87	15·23	18	1	1	1
Sibsagar	Jorhat	4·1	7·29	4	1	1	1
	Sibsagar	2·30	16·02	8	7	7	7
	Golaghat	1·3	22·87	2	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	Sadr	4·26	11·73	15	6	6	5
	North Lakhimpur	2·8	8·28	7	...	...	...
Total of 1913-14	...	1,·73	11·92	82	19	19	17
„ „ 1912-13	...	1,196	9·25	67	34	24	13

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing Act labour.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year.			Number of gardens inspected during the year.			Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
			Number not inspected in the previous year.	Specially selected for annual inspection.	Total.	Of those entered in column 4.	Of those entered in column 5.	Total.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cachar ...	...	112	53	18	71	13	16	71	71	...	31	19	...	21	71	112
Sylhet ...	4	126	54	18	72	54	18	72	72	1	4	63	1	5	73	132
Kamrup ...	...	21	3	...	3	3	...	3	3	...	4	...	1	...	5	17
Darrang ...	44	45	31	12	43	31	12	43	31	10	19	14	20	...	53	70
Nowgong ...	19*	14	16	1	17	16	1	17	16	1	2	...	3	...	18	34
Sibsagar ...	77	78	71	17	88	70	17	87	84	3	39	46	5	...	90	155
Lakhimpur ...	91	45	60	17	77	59	17	76	76	...	29	25	4	18	76	136
Total of 1913-14 ...	235	441	290	83	373	288	83	371	353	15	134	167	41	44	386	656

* Employing both Act and non-Act labourers.

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and collection of capitation fees under section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

District.	Demand for the year.		Arrears for previous year outstanding.	Gross demand.	Total realised.	Balance outstanding.
	Number of coolies on whom fee is payable. *	Total demand.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Darrang	6,8	1,695 4 0	.....	1,695 4 0	1,695 4 0	.....
Nowgong	1,142	285 8 0	.....	285 8 0	285 8 0	.....
Sibsagar	4,8	1,209 8 0	51 8 0	1,261 0 0	1,237 8 0 (a)	40 8 0
Lakhimpur	8,325	2,081 4 0	1,195 0 0	3,276 4 0	2,177 2 0	1,099 2 0
Total	21,6 6	5,371 8 0	1,246 8 0	6,518 0 0	5,395 6 0	1,139 10 0

* The figures in this column represent the number of coolies on which the fee for the half-year was payable.
(a) Includes Rs. 17 paid in excess.

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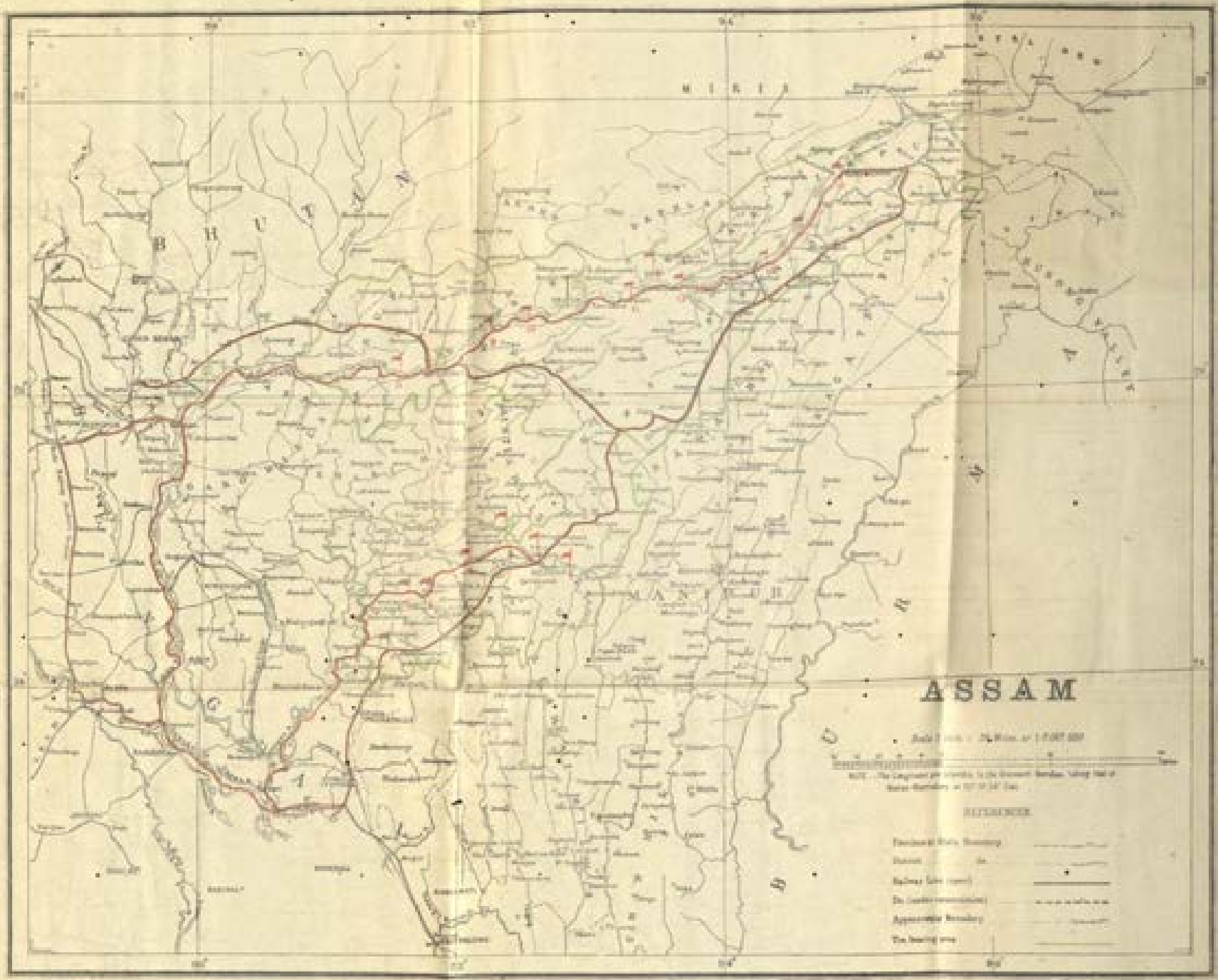
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Resolution on Immigrant Labour in Assam for the year 1914-15.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Assam in the General Department, No. 6781G., dated the 8th November 1915.

READ—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

This resolution deals with the labour force imported for employment on the tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal mines and in certain saw-mills. The labour employed on railways is excluded and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

2. There was a considerable increase in the number of immigrants. Mortality during transit, though higher than in the previous year, was still low, and the health of the tea-garden population was good.

3. An important feature of the year was the enactment in the Imperial Legislative Council of the Assam Labour and Emigration (Amendment) Act (VIII of 1915) under which the system of recruitment by contractors was abolished, and a Labour Board, for the supervision of local agents and of the recruitment, engagement and emigration to labour districts of natives of India under the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, VI of 1901, was constituted. Major W. M. Kennedy, I.A., has been appointed Chairman of the Board. The labour districts provisions of Act VI of 1901 were also withdrawn from the four upper districts of the Brahmaputra Valley with effect from the 1st July 1915.

Strength and distribution of labour force.

4. At the close of the year the total strength of the labour force was 879,330, showing an increase of 32,761 over the figures of the preceding year. Free labour is rapidly displacing indentured labour, and at the end of the year the number of labourers under Act VI contracts was only 8,181, which represents only 1·5 per cent. of the total number of adult labourers. Of the total labour force 64·95 per cent. was employed in the Assam Valley and 35·05 per cent. in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

5. There was again practically no change in the distribution of the labour population according to nationality and sex. Of the adults 73 per cent. were natives of Chota Nagpur, the Santhal Parganas and the private districts of the United Provinces and Bengal. The proportion of women was 42·12 per cent. of the Act labourers and 48·37 of the non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 30·71 of the total strength.

Area under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

6. The area under tea cultivation rose from 3,73,842 to 375,341 acres. There was very little change in the number of adults employed per acre, the district average varying from 1·01 in Kamrup to 1·73 in Lakhimpur. These figures, of course, take no account of local labour available from outside the gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration.

7. Statistics of immigration into the province during the past five years are given in the following table :—

Class of labourers.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Act ... Sardari adults	616	664	273	945	1,484
Act ... Contractors adults... ...	5,194	3,747	2,565	2,830	981
Non-Act adults	28,482	41,494	42,901	42,073	43,747
Total of Act and non-Act adults ...	34,292	45,905	46,239	45,849	46,212
Children	9,355	12,741	13,634	13,020	17,426
Grand total	43,647	58,646	59,873	58,869	63,638

The number of persons immigrating during the year was considerably higher than in any of the preceding four years. There was a substantial increase in immigration from the Santhal Parganas and Chota Nagpur and from the plains districts of the United Provinces and Bengal. There were, however, fewer arrivals from the Central Provinces and Madras.

Mortality during transit.

8. The health of the coolies in transit was again good. The number of deaths was 42, as compared with 52 in 1913-14, the majority being due to cholera.

Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

9. The Chief Commissioner is pleased to note that the number of cases of fraudulent and irregular recruitment fell from 101 in the previous year to 81, of which only 29 were found on investigation to be true.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

10. The number of coolies executing contracts in the recruiting districts decreased from 3,776 to 2,465. The contracts of 46 coolies recruited for Sylhet, which were referred to in the last year's resolution, were cancelled at the beginning of the year.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

11. The number of contracts cancelled by the efflux of time was 2,455 against 2,749. These were regularly reported in all districts except Sibsagar where seven managers had to be warned for the omission to report expiries regularly. Three hundred and fifty-three contracts were dissolved by mutual consent against 552 in the preceding year. Darrang alone is responsible for 24 of these. Many of the coolies whose contracts were thus cancelled subsequently took Act XIII agreements. 23 contracts were cancelled under section 131 for permanent unfitness and one under section 10 for irregular recruitment.

Repatriation.

12. The option of repatriation was given to 108 coolies and was accepted by 96.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

13. Act XIII of 1859 continued to be largely used and is again reported to have worked satisfactorily on the whole. Labourers whose contracts under Act VI have expired, and free-labourers on reaching the gardens, generally execute agreements under Act XIII of 1859 and enjoy all the privileges conferred by contracts under Act VI. In most districts managers rely almost entirely on the moral effect of these agreements and seldom institute criminal proceedings if the agreements are broken.

Wages of Act-labourers.

14. The following statement gives the average monthly wages of Act-labourers calculated on the earnings of the months of March and September :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1914 and March 1915, of monthly cash wages, including free diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on the books.		Of average daily working strength	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	...	...	...	...
Hailakandi	...	...	...	...
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	...	...	...	...
South Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...
Kamrup Sadr	...	...	...	...
Darrang Sadr	4 14 4	5 8 5	6 10 11	6 12 6
Mangaldai	6 2 9	5 1 7	8 8 0	7 1 1
Nowgong	5 5 7	4 9 9	6 9 10	6 0 9
Jorhat	5 6 0	4 7 0	6 10 4	5 14 2
Sibsagar	5 7 2	5 2 5	7 3 5	7 3 8
Golaghat	5 11 2	4 14 4	6 9 8	5 13 11
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 2 0	6 11 0	9 3 2	8 5 7
North Lakhimpur	5 12 6	4 14 4	7 12 0	7 0 6
Average for 1914-15*	6 0 8	5 12 9	7 14 3	7 9 3
Average for 1913-14	5 11 5	5 5 9	7 3 7	6 13 11

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (Column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total average daily working strength (Column 4 of Form No. 27) during the same months.

The provincial average shows that the upward tendency of earnings was maintained. As has often been pointed out, the cash earnings of tea garden coolies are not their only means of livelihood, as they generally supplement them by private cultivation and enjoy privileges such as free fuel and grazing which add appreciably to their nominal income.

Wages of non-Act coolies.

15. The average earnings of non-Act coolies are shown below :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1914 and March 1915 of monthly cash wages including rice, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.					
	Of total number on the book.			Of average daily working strength.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr.	5 6 3	3 14 7	2 4 6	6 15 2	5 8 0	3 5 0
Hailakandi	4 11 5	3 9 2	2 0 6	6 7 4	5 8 2	3 7 2
North Sylhet	5 2 4	3 8 2	2 6 5	6 11 10	4 14 2	3 2 4
Karimganj	3 15 11	3 4 4	2 5 1	6 15 7	5 3 6	3 10 9
South Sylhet	5 10 7	4 2 2	2 6 10	7 5 2	5 9 7	3 9 5
Habiganj	5 7 3	4 0 7	2 6 4	7 1 7	5 9 5	3 13 9
Kamrup Sadr	5 9 10	3 13 2	2 5 7	8 9 10	6 1 0	3 10 6
Darrang Sadr	5 15 4	5 6 0	3 0 2	7 13 8	7 3 10	4 2 5
Mangaldai	6 0 9	4 6 6	2 8 0	8 0 0	6 4 8	3 12 0
Nowgong	5 10 8	4 14 11	2 15 3	7 15 3	7 5 3	4 5 10
Jorhat	5 12 10	4 5 7	2 14 2	6 11 7	4 13 4	3 7 6
Sibsagar	6 3 6	5 1 3	2 14 10	7 13 9	6 10 3	3 14 4
Golaghat	6 4 5	4 6 7	3 10 1	7 6 1	5 8 5	4 13 6
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 4 5	5 9 7	3 5 6	9 9 5	7 15 10	4 8 0
North Lakhimpur	5 10 2	5 1 7	2 9 1	8 9 11	7 14 0	3 14 2
Average for 1914-15*	6 0 5	4 10 3	2 13 3	7 14 5	6 5 9	3 15 7
Ditto 1913-14	6 1 3	4 11 5	2 13 7	8 0 3	6 5 10	3 13 9

* The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated in general by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (Column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total of average daily working strength (Column 4 of Form No. 27) during the months.

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

16. The recorded birth-rate was 25·9 per mille calculated on the total strength of the coolie population and 88·8 per mille on the adult female population, the figures for the preceding year being 25·5 and 86·6, respectively.

Birth-rate.

District.	Number of births.	Birth-rate per mille on	
		Total coolie population.	Adult female population.
1	2	3	4
Cachar	3,869	27·2	90·9
Sylhet	4,813	25·3	87·6
Kamrup	106	25·4	79·2
Darrang	2,279	22·5	73·1
Nowgong	504	23·2	73·9
Sibsagar	5,695	26·7	93·4
Lakhimpur	5,823	26·6	91·5
Total for 1914-15	23,899	25·9	88·8
Ditto 1913-14	21,254	25·5	86·6

The recorded provincial birth-rate was 32·94 per mille of the total population and 177·71 per mille of the total adult female population.

17. For the total labour force the registered death-rate was 24·2 in 1914-15 against 24·7 in 1913-14, the number of deaths being 20,876 against 20,577. The rate among adults was 27·7 as against 28·2 in the preceding year. The highest death-rate (34·8) was recorded in Darrang and the lowest (23·0) in Cachar.

Death-rate, Statement VIII.

As a result of the enquiry made by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner with the object of bringing the Sanitary Department into closer relation with the tea industry, to which a reference was made in the last year's resolution, it has been decided that the monthly returns of births and deaths on tea gardens should be forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner after being dealt with by the Civil Surgeon of the district, and should be supplemented by an annual return giving figures for the garden population which, together with the monthly returns, will enable the Sanitary Commissioner to watch the health conditions on every garden.

As regards the suggestion that the inspection of unhealthy gardens should be performed by the Sanitary Commissioner, it has been decided that such inspections shall ordinarily be carried out, as at present, by the Civil Surgeon, the inspection reports being submitted to the Sanitary Commissioner for any suggestions which he may have to make. In special cases, however, it will be within the competence of the Divisional Commissioner to desire the Sanitary Commissioner to make the inspection.

Mortality according to nationality.

"18. The statement below compares the death-rate among coolies from the several recruiting areas. The death-rate was the highest among the miscellaneous class which includes recruits from Bombay, Nepal and China. The Madras rate was still high though there was a decrease in the figures as compared with those of last year.

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	Men ...	190,652	2,770	27·85
	Women ...		2,540	
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas.	Men ...	190,315	2,455	26·60
	Women ...		2,609	
Central Provinces	Men ...	74,056	1,096	28·30
	Women ...		1,000	
Madras	Men ...	41,417	785	36·21
	Women ...		719	
Assam	Men ...	23,315	155	16·85
	Women ...		238	
Others*	Men ...	2,382	77	39·46
	Women ...		17	
Total ...	Men ...	269,960	7,338	27·18
	Women ...	252,177	7,128	28·24
Grand total	...	522,137	14,461	27·69

* Includes figures for Bombay, Nepal and China.

Mortality among Act-labourers from principal diseases.	1913-14.	1914-15.
Mean strength	10,678	9,087
Deaths from—		
Cholera	22	20
Diarrhœa	50	32
Dysentery	163	145
Malarial fever	34	17
Anæmia	113	69
Respiratory diseases ...	83	42
Other causes	153	144
Total ...	618	469

19. The mean strength of the total Act-labour force and the number of deaths from the chief diseases are shown in the marginal statement. Dysentery, anæmia and respiratory diseases were responsible for the greatest number of deaths.

CHAPTER V.

UNHEALTHY GARDENS.

20. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality either of the total garden population, or of the Act or non-Act coolies taken separately exceeds 7 per cent. and the total number of deaths is not less than ten. During the year under review the number of gardens on the unhealthy list decreased from ten to five, four of which were in Sibsagar and one in Lakhimpur. Four of them have been in the unhealthy list for two years in succession.

District.	Unhealthy in respect of.	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per mille.	Cause of deaths. Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Convulsions, or other hydrocephaloid diseases.	Fever, remittent diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sibsagar ...	Act population ...	Jabaka ...	171	18	105·2	3	...	3	2	...	...	10
	Ditto	Sapekati ...	168	19	125·0	5	2	6	1	1	...	4
	Non-Act population ...	Nambarnadi ...	745	66	83·2	19	6	15	6	...	5	17
	Non-Act population ...	Hilika ...	2,304	169	73·3	9	16	101	8	13	7	16
	Total population ...		2,310	169	73·1	9	16	101	3	15	7	16
Lakhimpur ...	Act population ...	Namdang ...	293	27	92·4	1	3	11		3	3	8

CHAPTER VI.

OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS.

Complaints by coolies and by Managers.

21. There were three complaints of ill treatment made by coolies against their employers during the year. One was found to be true and the other two were dismissed. Four hundred and seventeen applications for discharge certificates were filed, of which 215 were successful. One thousand three hundred and eleven cases were instituted by Managers under Act XIII of 1859, 324 being decided in favour of the complainants and 904 being dismissed; ninety coolies were sent to prison. Ten cases of riot or unlawful assembly and five charges of assault were instituted by Managers. The most serious cases were:—

(1) the murder of the Assistant Manager of Samagutia Tea Estate in Nowgong;

(2) an attack by coolies on the Assistant Manager of Kamarbandha Tea Estate in Sibsagar;

(3) a riot on the Teliapara Tea Estate in Habiganj.

Generally speaking the relations between employers and employed were excellent.

Desertions of Act VI labourers.

22. The number of desertions of Act labourers reported was 979. One hundred and twelve warrants were issued for the arrest of deserters; arrests were effected in 32 cases and 19 coolies were convicted, ten being punished with imprisonment.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inspection.

23. The number of gardens at the close of the year was 748. One garden was amalgamated with its parent garden in Cachar. Four new gardens were opened in Sylhet and one in Sibsagar. The number of gardens liable to inspection during the year was 352 and of these 348 were inspected. The omission to inspect the remaining four gardens requires explanation.

Capitation fees.

24. The amount of capitation fees realised during the year under review was Rs. 4,801 against Rs. 5,395 in the previous year.

Relations between planters and neighbouring villagers.

25. The relations between planters and neighbouring villagers are reported to have been generally good.

Colonisation by ex-tea garden coolies.

26. At the close of the year under review the area of Government land settled direct with time-expired coolies was 213,850 acres against 197,437 acres in the preceding year. 10,421 acres are also reported to be held by these people as sub-tenants in the Assam Valley. In the Lakhimpur district 7,290 acres of Government land have been settled with managers on special nine years' leases to provide their coolies with cultivation. The figures showing land settled on these leases in other districts have not been reported. They should be reported from all districts next year.

Inland Labour Transport Operations.

27. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 9,323 and disbursements to Rs. 42,633.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—*Statistics of the Adult coolies employed under Act VI of* 1901 *on the Tea Estates in the Province of Assam during the year* 1914-15.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1914-15.												Number remaining at the end of the year 1914-15.	Annual strength.	Death per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importation.		Total added.		Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 16.	Cancelment under sections 11, 132(1), 154(1), 154 and 200.	Cancelment for permanent unfitness, section 131.	Cancelment under section 140(c).	Suspended under section 129.	Effect of time, section 135.	Redemption, section 136.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having been struck off as deserters.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	45	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	...	21	...
Total, Surma Valley	45	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	...	22	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	3,413	348	748	13	14	1,123	4,536	13	154	365	...	...	...	...	...	651	...	242	1,425	3,111	3,262	47·2
Nowgong	695	58	31	...	5	94	699	15	28	111	...	...	...	...	...	69	...	22	245	454	522	52·9
Sibsagar	2,225	555	170	6	...	531	2,756	8	122	361	...	...	5	...	...	7,3	2	18	1,749	1,797	1,906	64·0
Lakhimpur	2,717	220	535	92	9	856	4,573	97	165	242	1	...	18	...	...	1,002	8	26	1,554	3,019	3,268	48·9
Total, Brahmaputra Valley ...	9,050	981	1,484	111	28	2,604	12,564	133	469	979	1	...	23	...	...	2,455	5	308	4,973	8,181	8,965	51·7
Total of 1914-15	9,095	981	1,484	111	28	2,604	12,699	133	469	979	1	...	23	...	...	2,455	5	353	4,418	8,181	9,087	51·8
„ „ 1913-14	11,366	2,850	946	85	68	3,929	15,295	92	618	1,273	8	...	6	...	...	2,749	2	552	5,300	1,995	10,674	57·8

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the Adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden ba-tis, *but not employed under Act VI of* 1901, *and coolie children.*

District.		Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1914-1915. Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.	Total added.	Total of columns 3 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1914-1915. Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge or desertion during the year.	Total deducted.	Number remaining at the end of the year 1914-1915.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Adults ...	80,179	4,016	3,720	7,736	87,915	1,870	4,104	5,974	81,941	81,060	23·0
	Children ...	51,193	1,063	4,216	5,279	56,477	930	2,624	3,554	52,923	52,075	17·8
Sylhet ...	Adults ...	96,648	7,726	5,813	13,538	109,186	2,309	7,759	10,128	99,058	98,003	24·1
	Children ...	79,700	2,609	5,335	8,045	87,745	923	3,541	4,464	73,281	72,290	19·7
Surma Valley...	Adults ...	176,727	11,742	9,033	20,774	197,501	4,239	11,863	16,102	181,399	179,963	23·6
	Children ...	121,808	3,729	8,595	13,324	135,132	1,853	6,536	8,389	126,884	124,505	14·9
Kamrup ...	Adults ...	1,976	225	473	698	2,668	74	480	554	2,114	2,042	24·3
	Children ...	1,071	65	178	243	1,314	41	114	155	1,159	1,116	36·7
Darrang ...	Adults ...	60,047	2,178	6,819	12,997	76,044	2,122	9,621	11,746	64,298	62,172	34·1
	Children ...	34,889	2,843	3,049	5,892	40,744	735	3,127	3,862	36,882	35,807	20·4
Nowgong ...	Adults ...	13,278	1,833	781	2,413	15,691	371	1,320	1,610	13,781	13,529	27·4
	Children ...	7,442	854	254	1,108	8,550	133	598	731	7,819	7,685	17·4
Sibsagar ...	Adults ...	121,553	11,160	6,746	17,906	139,464	3,749	10,291	14,040	125,424	123,496	30·3
	Children ...	87,511	5,177	6,422	11,599	99,110	1,610	5,496	7,106	90,814	87,962	19·2
Lakhimpur ...	Adults ...	129,340	11,811	7,974	19,785	149,125	3,454	11,935	15,389	133,736	131,748	26·0
	Children ...	81,689	5,458	6,768	11,824	93,504	1,963	5,293	7,256	86,249	83,954	22·3
Brahmapu tra Valley.	Adults ...	327,398	32,006	24,726	56,732	384,122	9,753	33,856	43,609	340,513	333,967	29·2
	Children ...	214,536	13,677	17,163	30,836	241,422	4,562	14,577	19,089	222,333	216,445	21·9
Total ...	Adults ...	594,126	43,747	33,826	77,573	671,699	15,0 2	45,710	60,711	611,032	513,059	27·2
	Children ...	332,454	17,426	26,784	44,190	376,644	6,415	21,032	27,477	349,167	340,808	18·8
Total of 1914-15 ...		926,574	61,173	60,610	121,763	988,337	20,407	66,781	87,188	871,149	853,858	23·2
" " 1913-14 ...		816,363	65,093	55,732	110,825	921,104	19,060	64,061	84,020	836,574	823,470	24·2

Statement II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour force.

Nationality.	Act.			Non-Act.			Total.			Proportion of column 9 to column 10.	Percentage of column 10 to total labour force.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces and Bengal.	1,361	1,005	2,366	99,570	92,656	192,226	100,571	93,661	194,732	48·14	36·69
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas.	2,250	1,695	3,945	95 226	94,412	189,638	97,506	96,107	193,613	49·63	36·42
Central Provinces ...	969	552	1,521	36,081	36,409	73,090	37,050	36,961	74,011	49·94	14·07
Madras	202	199	392	21,640	18,723	40,363	21,842	18,943	40,785	46·44	7·69
Assam	5	3	8	14,273	9,455	23,727	14,277	9,458	23,735	39·84	4·48
Others*	8	1	9	2,064	814	2,878	2,072	815	2 887	28 23	0·55
Total of 1914-15 ...	4,795	3,445	8,171	269,483	252,469	521,952	274,218	255,945	530,163	48·27	100·00
" " 1913-14 ...	5,628	4,297	9,925	260,005	244,115	504,120	265,703	248,412	514,115	48 31	100·00

* The includes figures for Bombay, Nepal and China.

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited.

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars.			Imported by contractors.			Total Act.			Total non-Act.			Total Act and non-Act.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Ekdas, United Provinces and Bengal	130	78	208	190	138	328	320	204	524	11,067	6,784	18,433	11,387	6,988	18,377
Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas.	710	437	1,147	221	101	322	931	538	1,469	8,299	6,230	14,529	9,230	6,828	16,058
Central Provinces ...	50	25	75	190	105	295	240	130	370	4,078	2,778	6,856	4,318	2,903	7,226
Madras ...	4	...	4	22	26	48	26	26	52	1,222	925	2,047	1,248	951	2,099
Assam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	458	12	470	458	12	470
Others*	50	..	50	...	...	...	51	...	50	1,292	144	1,436	1,343	144	1,487
Total of 1914-15 ...	944	540	1,484	623	374	997	1,567	898	2,465	26,136	17,073	43,747	28,409	17,710	46,213
„ „ 1913-14 ...	524	422	946	1,366	930	2,296	1,890	1,352	3,242	36,068	17,698	53,766	37,958	18,050	56,008

* This includes figures for Bombay, Nepal and China.

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act labourers.

District.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.	Number of certificates granted for the medical examination of labourers.	Number of sardari coolies recruited.	Average number of recruits per sardar.	Number of contractors' coolies imported.	Total number of coolies imported under the Act.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts		
							Under Chapter III.	Under Chapter IV.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Darrang	4,578	1,443	743	·16	343	1,086	348	748	1,096
Nowgong	777	190	31	·01	53	89	58	31	89
Sibsagar	2,245	3,089	179	·02	355	575	355	170	525
Lakhimpur	7,107	3,723	535	·07	220	755	220	535	755
Total of 1914-15	19,647	9,218	1,764	·07	981	2,465	981	1,484	2,465
„ „ 1913-14	25,626	11,701	946	·04	2,830	3,776	2,830	946	3,776

STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

District.	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number who passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts.				Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure.		
				Through want of a guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.		Buildings.	Establishment, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	294	3,772	15	26	35	3,254	24	251 0 0	1,727 14 6	1,978 14 6
Darrang	1	11,117	4,976(a)	267	79	129	1,510	...	287 12 0	828 7 0	1,096 3 0
Nowgong	1	2,275	2,172	173	3	...	2,227	...	265 0 0	335 0 7	600 0 7
Sibsagar	4	10,892	5,760(b)	703	24	37	2,950	...	1,621 9 7	1,968 7 1	3,590 0 8
Lakhimpur	1	17,624	1,150	1,205	60	20	2,747	3	2,220 1 2	1,220 0 0	3,578 1 2
Total of 1914-15 ...	8	48,202	18,329	2,363	211	221	14,688	27	5,645 6 9	6,079 10 2	11,181 0 11
„ „ 1913-14 ...	8	47,237	25,860	2,502	199	226	12,410	5	3,483 15 2	6,791 11 7	9,895 10 9

(a) Of these 2,617 are garden sardars.

(b) Includes 1,150 immigrants who passed through the depôts to the tea gardens in the district of Lakhimpur.

STATEMENT VI.—Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	2	14	6	...	8	2	14	32
Sylhet	1	9	5	1	3	1	9	24
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	9	2	...	7	...	9	12
Nowgong	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	5
Sibsagar	3	27	5	7	15	3	27	37
Lakhimpur	9	13	10	...	14	4	24	42
Total of 1914-15	16	81	29	9	48	11	86	292
„ 1913-14	20	101	46	13	46	16	105	257

STATEMENT VII.—Repatriation of Labourers.

	Number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated				
		Under section 12 (section 10 or 11).	Under section 158 (section 133).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	7	...	...	...	7	7
Sylhet	10	...	...	...	6	6
Kamrup	36	...	...	...	36	36
Darrang	2	...	...	...	2	2
Nowgong	1	...	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	17	...	...	3	9	12
Lakhimpur	35	...	18	1	14	33
Total of 1914-15	108	...	18	4	74	96
„ „ 1913-14	154	8	5	6	123	142

	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but who were not repatriated.					Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64 1 6	64 1 6
Sylhet	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	95 0 0	95 0 0
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Sibsagar	...	5	...	...	...	5	47 4 0	...	47 4 0
Lakhimpur	1	1	...	...	...	2	13 0 0	...	13 0 0
Total of 1914-15	1	11	...	...	...	12	60 4 0	159 1 6	219 5 6
„ „ 1913-14	...	11	...	1	...	12	94 0 0	71 15 0	165 15 0

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all classes of labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from									
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of cooties or [illegible]	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total death.	Ratio per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	61,060	76	114	370	164	244	2[illegible]	599	1,570	25·0
	Children ...	32,075	54	73	178	265	58	73	270	970	17·8
	Total adults ...	61,060	76	114	370	164	244	2[illegible]	5[illegible]	1,57[illegible]	25·7
Sylhet ...	Act	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	98,003	100	264	201	279	291	195	890	2,370	24·1
	Children ...	72,901	27	119	175	242	64	73	225	925	12·7
	Total adults ...	98,025	100	264	201	279	291	195	8[illegible]	2,370	24·1
Kamrup ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	3,842	15	3	10	32	9	...	5	74	24·3
	Children ...	1,315	3	2	3	21	5	...	6	41	30·7
	Total adults ...	3,842	15	3	10	32	9	...	5	74	24·3
Darrang ...	Act	3 26[illegible]	4	11	43	3	35	15	43	154	47·2
	Non-Act adults ...	6[illegible],172	151	183	411	37	344	37[illegible]	626	2,125	34·1
	Children ...	35,877	18	41	146	27	63	50	290	735	20·4
	Total adults ...	6[illegible],434	155	194	453	40	378	3[illegible]	669	2,279	34·8
Nowgong ...	Act	579	...	1	5	5	2	3	12	28	32·9
	Non-Act adults ...	13,939	20	24	59	73	33	39	123	371	27·4
	Children ...	7,635	1	6	18	37	4	4	63	133	17·4
	Total adults ...	14,068	20	25	64	78	35	42	135	399	28·8
Sibsagar ...	Act	1,903	12	9	36	3	11	7	44	122	64·9
	Non-Act adults ...	123,491	503	430	706	212	462	375	1,141	3,749	30·3
	Children ...	87,862	113	201	312	263	87	143	561	1,680	19·2
	Total adults ...	125,402	515	439	742	215	473	382	1,185	3,871	30·8
Lakhimpur ...	Act	3,393	4	11	61	6	21	17	65	185	48·9
	Non-Act adults ...	131,718	113	399	187	351	220	576	1,390	3,434	22·0
	Children ...	63,004	10	137	213	130	374	240	821	1,925	23·3
	Total adults ...	135,110	117	410	248	396	241	593	1,455	3,619	23·7
Grand total...	Act	9,467	20	32	145	17	69	42	144	469	31·6
	Non-Act adults ...	515,050	978	1,417	2,423	1,132	1,542	1,718	4,782	13,992	27·2
	Children ...	340,698	274	577	1,054	926	655	823	2,372	6,415	18·8
	Total adults ...	522,137	998	1,449	2,567	1,149	1,611	1,810	4,827	14,461	27·7
	Total Labour force...	862,945	1,272	2,026	3,621	2,075	2,266	2,633	7,199	20,876	24·2

STATEMENT IX.—Offences committed by tea-garden coolies and by tea planters.

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment without reference to contract.	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment, in order to compel discharge.	Application for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract (by absence, desertion, etc.).	For failure of garden Sardars to return to duty.	For enticing coolies.	Unlawful assembly or rioting.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	3	1	403	41	1,417	86	1	9	6	3
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	...	...	14	1	139	52	...	1	...	1
Total	3	1	417	42	1,556	138	1	10	6	4
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	4	2
Against complainant	2	1	...	7	...	...	...	1	1	1
Number of persons fined	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	4	1
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	15	...	38	31	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	93	...	154	88	1	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,, imprisoned	...	...	...	...	11	14	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	107	...	324	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	63	4	904	...	...	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	99	...	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with exactitively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	98	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	102	25	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT X.—Statement of desertions among adult labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivision.	Number of desertions.	Percentage of desertions on adult strength.	Number of warrants issued for the arrest of deserters.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang ... Sadr	339	11·4	43	16	7	1
Mangaldai	26	8·9	4	2	...	...
Nowgong ... Sadr	111	20·9	25	6	5	3
Sibsagar ... Jorhat	66	14·7	5	2	2	2
Sibsagar	127	11·6	1	1	1	1
Golaghat	63	18·4	22	4	4	1
Lakhimpur ... Sadr	216	6·9	17	1	...	...
North Lakhimpur ...	26	9·7	...	...	...	...
Total of 1914-15	979	10·7	112	32	19	10
" " 1913-14	1,473	11·9	81	19	19	17

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing Act labour.	Number of gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year.			Number of gardens inspected during the year.			Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioner.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioner.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
				Number not inspected in the previous year.	Specially selected for annual inspection.	Total.	Of those entered in column 4.	Of those entered in column 5.	Total.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Cachar	...	111	43	13	56	43	13	56	56	...	23	16	...	15	56	111	
Sylhet	...	134	62	25	87	61	24	85	84	1	9	71	...	6	86	136	
Kamrup	...	21	3	...	3	3	...	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	3	12	
Darrang	61	78	24	15	39	24	15	39	28	11	23	9	21	...	59	78	
Nowgong	17	16	16	1	17	16	1	17	16	1	6	12	...	...	18	24	
Sibsagar	70	96	62	18	80	62	16	78	74	4	31	47	4	...	82	145	
Lakhimpur ...	77	59	57	13	70	57	13	70	70	...	29	12	3	26	70	132	
Total of 1914-15 ...	305	505	267	85	352	266	82	348	331	17	123	167	28	47	365	645	

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and collection of capitation fees under section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

District.	Demand for the year.		Arrears for previous year outstanding.	Gross demand.	Total realised.	Balance outstanding.
	Number of labourers for whom fee is payable.*	Total demand.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Darrang	6,489	1,622 4 0	.....	1,622 4 0	1,622 4 0	.....
Nowgong	1,098	274 8 0	.....	274 8 0	274 8 0	.....
Sibsagar	3,536	884 0 0	40 8 0	924 8 0	939 9 0(a)	.....
Lakhimpur	6,490	1,620 0 0	1,099 2 0	2,719 2 0	1,965 3 3	753 15 9
Total	17,603	4,400 12 0	1,139 10 0	5,540 6 0	4,801 *7 3	753 15 9

(a) Includes Rs. 15-1-0 paid in excess.

* The figures in this column represent the number of coolies on which the fee for the half-year was payable.

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